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Hon'ble Chief Minister hoists the National Flag on ramparts of Fort St. George and pays his respects.

Hon’ble President of India **Thiru. Ram Nath Kovind** unveiled the portrait of former Chief Minister **Muthamizharignar Dr. Kalaignar**, on the occasion of the centenary celebrations of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 02.08.2021.

75th Independence Day

Celebrating the spirit of Independence and freedom

Independence Day Greetings of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M. K. Stalin *(English Translation).*

On the occasion of the 75th Independence Day of our revered Country, India, I extend my heart-felt Independence Day Greetings to all our Countrymen.

Seventy-five years have rolled by since we got Independence which gave the Country a magnificent Constitution, containing the important features of 'Unity in diversity and federalism'. We have the very important duty of offering our gratitude with folded hands to the freedom fighters and 'thiyagis' who shed their blood and sweat and fought day and night for freedom.

Every Indian cherishes today in his heart, the sacrifice made by the 'thiyagis' of the freedom struggle. This Independence, achieved through a relentless struggle employing righteous means with no room for violence, made India breathe the air of democracy; it is a rare treasure and is to be safeguarded forever.

Annal Gandhi Adigal loved Tamil culture; he respected the Tamil soil. History has recorded that Tamil Nadu played an important part in evolving strategies to oust the British from our land. Hon'ble Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar celebrated the Silver and Golden Jubilees of Independence as Chief Minister. That the 75th Independence Day is celebrated again by the D.M.K. Government gives pride not only to me but also to the people of Tamil Nadu.

The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam is a mighty movement which always respects and honours the 'thiyagis' of the freedom struggle, whenever it is administering the State, it has announced and implemented many welfare schemes including pension to 'thiyagis' and their heirs. This year, it has erected a majestic memorial pillar in connection with the 75th Independence Day to commemorate the sacrifices of 'thiyagis' and to honour them.

On this Independence Day, I am extremely happy to inform you of the joyous news that we have retrieved Tamil Nadu from the clutches of Corona after we assumed the responsibility of governance. We are moving towards the path of growth and progress in all sectors. We have assumed the very great responsibility of providing 'all things for all people' and in these 100 days we are cruising ahead in that direction to the appreciation of all.

Let us take a vow on this 75th Independence Day that we will work tirelessly for Tamil Nadu and India to get all-round recognition for astounding development in all sectors and uphold the basic features of our polity which include democracy, secularism, pluralism, social justice and federalism. ■

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Nurturing the welfare of his subjects by providing the things that are needed for a good life, showing compassion depending on the occasion and governing the realm with impartiality, a monarch gains in splendour.

- Kalaignar Urai

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** hoisted the National Flag and paid his respects on the ramparts of Fort St. George at the Secretariat in Chennai, to mark the 75th Independence Day on 15.08.2021.

Hon'ble Chief Minister hoists the National Flag, recalls sacrifices of numerous patriots

Independence Day Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** on 15.08.2021 *(English Translation)*.

Behold the Mother's jewel-like flag!
Come, bow to it and sing its glory!
On the mast rising up high,
With 'Vande Matharam' inscribed
Beautiful and bright,
How the fluttering flag shone!
Behold, arrayed around the flagpole
A multitude of warriors rare,
Warriors most trustworthy,
Who would protect the flag with their lives!

(Thaayin Manikodi paareer – adhai/ thaazhndhu paninthu pugazhndhida vaareer! Ongi valarndhadhor kambam – adhan/ uchiyinmel vande maatharam endre/ paangin ezhudhi thigazhum – cheyya/ pattoli veesi paranthathu paareer! kambathinkeezh nitral kaaneer – engum/ kaanarum veerar perunthiru koottam! Nambarkuriyar avveerar – thangal/ nalluyir eenthum kodiyinai kaappaar!)

I pay my heroic salutations to all the 'thiyagis' of this Country who laid down their lives, shed their blood and dedicated their lives

and actions for hoisting the Country's tricolour on this 400 year old fort. I convey my hearty grateful respects to the people of Tamil Nadu for having given me the opportunity to hoist the flag on this sky-high mast in this great fort.

Hon'ble Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Madras High Court, Hon'ble Judges, Hon'ble Ministers, Members of Parliament and Assembly, Government officers inclusive of Chief Secretary, Police officers inclusive of the D.G.P., Special Guests, Freedom Fighters, their family members and students – Vanakkam.

On this great occasion when India is celebrating its 75th Independence Day, I think of the great opportunity given to me to hoist the flag on the ramparts of this Fort and rejoice over it. It is our Muthamizh Arignar Thalaivar Kalaignar who got this freedom for Chief Ministers to hoist the flag on Independence Day.

It was our leader Kalaignar who suggested to the then Prime Minister of India Tmt. Indira Gandhi that flag hoisting could be done by the Chief Minister on August 15, the Independence Day and by the Governor on January 26, the Republic Day and persuaded her to accept it. As Chief Minister, Kalaignar hoisted the flag in this Fort for the first time on 15.08.1974. It was our Thalaivar Kalaignar who got the opportunity to hoist the flag, for the many Chief Ministers who succeeded him. Not only for the Chief Ministers of Tamil Nadu but it was the great independent thinker, our Thalaivar Kalaignar who got that right to the Chief Ministers of all other States. I commence my speech by paying my respects to him.

Today, we are celebrating the 75th year of India's Independence. This year has many other glories also besides this one. We celebrated the centenary of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, inviting the President of India. The centenary of the ascension to power of the Justice Party, the taproot of the Dravidian movement, also falls in this year. The centenary of Mahatma Gandhi changing his sartorial fashion, from rich clothes to the barest minimum, after seeing the poor Tamils during his visit to Madurai, comes in this year. The 150th Birth Anniversary of V.O. Chidambaranar, hailed as 'Chekkizhutha Chemmal' and 'Kappalottiya Thamizhan' is to be

celebrated this year. The centenary of the death of Mahakavi Subramaniya Bharathiyar who sang 'we have attained blissful Independence' even before it materialized, falls in 2021.

Personally, I feel proud that our Government has taken charge for the sixth time. I have toiled for half a century in my public life. I am happy that people of Tamil Nadu have acknowledged it and accepted me as Chief Minister and with that happiness I am participating in this function.

We have installed a very big memorial pillar in connection with the 75th Independence Day. It is not made up of stones, cement and bricks but with the blood, bone and flesh of our freedom fighters.

Seventy-five years have rolled by since attaining Independence. But, 150 years earlier to it, the fight for freedom emerged from our Tamil soil.

Poolithevan, Velu Nachiyar, Veerapandia Kattabomman, Thalapathy Sundaralingam, Oomaithurai, Dheeran Chinnamalai, Chinna Marudhu, Periya Marudhu,V.O.C., Mahakavi Bharathiyar, Subramaniya Siva, T.S.S. Rajan, Thillaiyadi Valliammai, Thanthai Periyar, Thiru.Vi.Ka, Namakkal Ramalingam, M.V. Singaravelar, Bharathidasan, Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar, Tiruppur Kumaran, Rajaji, Kamarajar, A.M. Eswaran, Omandur Ramasamy, Jeeva, Captain Lakshmi, Ma.Po. Sivagnanam, K.B. Sundarambal, it is with the life breath of such Tamil Nadu thiyagis that this memorial pillar has been erected.

The Government of Tamil Nadu will certainly prepare a comprehensive document on Tamil Nadu's contribution to India's freedom struggle and try to publish it in Tamil and English. The 'thiyagis' I have mentioned, are not 'thiyagis' merely for Tamil Nadu but for the whole of India. The Government of Tamil Nadu has always given priority to providing assistance to the 'thiyagis' who have toiled for the Independence of our Country, and to their families. In that way, **I am proud to announce that the State pension for 'thiyagis' will be raised from Rs.17,000 to Rs.18,000 and the family pension from Rs.8,500 to Rs.9,000.**

Our Government has never failed to recall the freedom struggle 'thiyagis' of the Country.

- ✶ In 1962 when there was a threat to India from China, Perarignar Anna declared that India's safety was paramount and mobilized funds for the forces.

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Award to Dr. M. Lakshmanan, Professor of Eminence, Bharathidasan University.

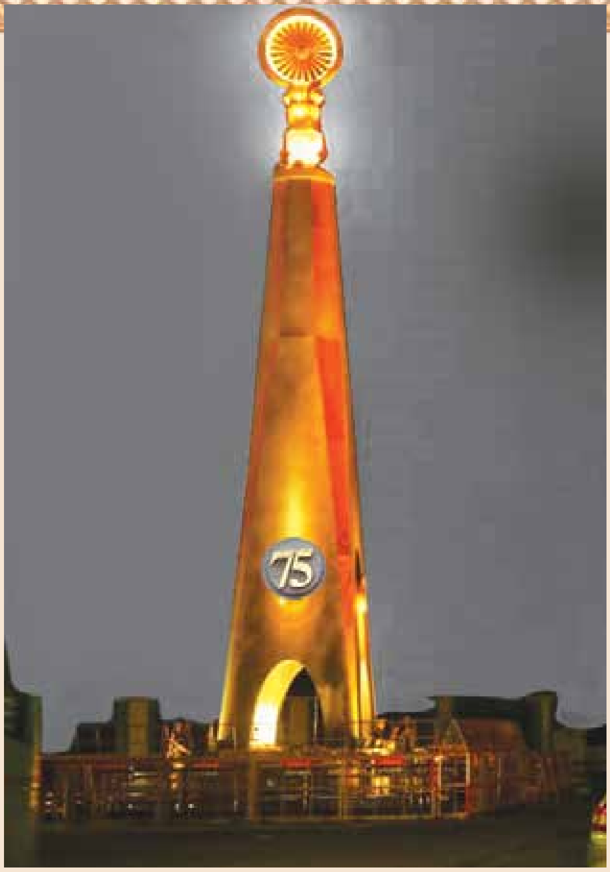
- In 1971, when Pakistan threatened India, the then Chief Minister Kalaignar passed a resolution in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly condemning Pakistan's invasion. Besides, he presented a fund of Rs.6 crore to the then Prime Minister Tmt.Indira Gandhi for the defence of the Country. All the States gave Rs.25 crore; of this, the D.M.K. Government's contribution was Rs.6 crore.

  - Kalaignar's Government gave funds and land to martyred defence personnel in that war.
  - During the Kargil war in 1999, it was Chief Minister Kalaignar's Government that presented Rs.50 crore to the then Prime Minister Vajpayee in 3 instalments.
  - A fort in Panchalankurichi for Kattabomman!
  - Government took over Bharathiyar's Illam (to convert it into a memorial)!
  - Kamarajar Manimandapam!
  - Rajaji Ninaivalayam!
  - Thillaiyadi Valliammai Manimandapam!
  - V.O.C. drawn oil press ('chekku') became a memorial icon!
  - Free bus pass to freedom fighters!
  - Manimandapam for 'thiyagis'!
  - Independence golden jubilee Ninaivu Chinnam!
  - Poolithevan memorial mandapam!
  - Renovation of the house of 'Thiyagi' Viswanatha Das!
  - House for the heirs of Maaveeran Sundaralingam!
  - Statue for Netaji!
  - Statue for Kakkan!
  - A memorial pillar for Sepoy mutiny!

Like this, our Government has always honoured the 'thiyagis' who had served the Country. In this way, **we propose to celebrate with zest and enthusiasm, the 150th Birth Anniversary of V.O.C., the epitome of sacrifice, on behalf of the State.**

V.O. Chidambaranar operated a shipping company against the British. V.O.C. thought that self-sufficiency ('sudhesi') should not be a mere theory; it should pervade our mind and result in action. He felt that along with political freedom there should be economic freedom also. He dreamt that our Country should become self sufficient in all respects.

Kalpana Chawla Award for courage and daring enterprise for the year 2021 to Dr.P.Shanmuga Priya posthumously.



Our Government acts with such a dream. It is firm on creating a golden age similar to a "world marching in the direction where all people get all things".

The Corona pandemic has taught us many lessons. It has put people amidst crises – medical, mental, economic, environmental, among others. To wriggle out of them, the Government is taking many efforts. I am duty-bound to applaud Doctors, Nurses, Front-line Workers and all Government employees, the sheet-anchor of these efforts. It is because of your dedication that people are able to venture out to this extent.

Today is the 101st day after I took over the responsibility as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. In the context of tabling the white paper on the Tamil Nadu Government's finances and the Budget for the year 2021-2022, the people of Tamil Nadu could have well understood the status of Tamil Nadu's finances. With this financial burden, this Government, headed by a first time Chief Minister has managed the Corona pandemic, expedited many measures to save the people and succeeded in its efforts

- To give solace to the people whose livelihood was affected due to Corona and lock down, Rs. 4,000 was distributed in two instalments. A package containing 14 essential grocery articles was also distributed.
- Without reducing the procurement price, the sale price of Aavin milk was reduced by Rs. 3 per litre.
- Petrol price was reduced by Rs. 3 a litre.
- Free travel for women, transgender persons and differently-abled persons in urban Government buses.
- Grievances conveyed through petitions during election campaign resolved through the Department of **'Ungal Thogudhiyil Mudhalamaichar'.**
- Archanais in Tamil in temples.
- Appointment of Archakas without caste discrimination.
- Institution of a new award in the name 'Thagaisal Thamizhar' to honour those who have greatly contributed for the development of Tamil Nadu and the Tamil race; this year's award was presented to Thiru. Sankaraiah, veteran Communist leader who entered public life at a very young age and continues his work as a champion of the people.
- We have arranged at short notice, enough stock of liquid oxygen and beds with oxygen facility.

- We have vaccinated 3 crore people; checked wastage and made Tamil Nadu a model State for the whole of India by vaccinating more people and indenting for more doses.
- A new multi-super specialty hospital of global standards is to be set up at the Guindy King Institute of Preventive Medicine and Research at an estimate of Rs.250 crore.
- 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' (Healthcare at your doorstep), a pioneering project to provide medical services inclusive of conducting tests for non-contagious diseases, treatment, medicines, physiotherapy and other similar treatment, to patients in their own residence, has been inaugurated.

I have been repeatedly saying, whether at cabinet meeting or experts' meeting to give suggestions to Government, that our dream should be the simultaneous development of Tamil Nadu in the social, political and economic sectors. Our Government works for the realization of the dreams of all people.

The State's economy and that of the individual should become self-sufficient. Our Tamil society should rise higher in thought, culture, civility and behaviour. That is, we should be transformed into an egalitarian and humane society. That is what our freedom fighters wished. They fought and sacrificed for that.

Those who went to prison, dragged the 'chekku' (native oil press), broke stones, received blows, bore ignominy and sacrificed their lives, all the people wanted to create a magnificent Tamil Nadu. Everyone should co-operate and support the Government of

Tamil Nadu which wants to create such a Tamil Nadu.

The bond between Mahatma Gandhi and Tamil Nadu was deep. Tamils were at the forefront in all the agitations conducted by Mahatma Gandhi in South Africa. He declared that Tamils who bore the fierceness of apartheid were his siblings. Tamils loved Mahatma Gandhi. And he loved not only Tamils but also the Tamil language. He declared that the Tamil language in relation to India is like Italian for Europe and stressed that Tamil should be included as an optional subject in the curriculum of University of London and that people in the rest of India should learn Tamil.

Mahatma Gandhi visited Tamil Nadu 20 times. A century ago, Mahatma Gandhi came to Madurai and Tamil Nadu saw him go forth as a Mahatma who had renounced a part of his apparel. By way of recalling that event, the **Mahatma Gandhi Museum in Madurai, containing rare artifacts connected with him, will be renovated so as to attract people and the younger generation, at a cost of Rs.6 crore.** Let us take a vow today to instil deeply in the minds of the youth the fact that, Gandhian thought is a marvellous weapon available to guide India when facing the many challenges of caste, religion and race.

My Independence Day Greetings to all people!

Vaazhga Tamil Nadu!

Vaazhga India!

Vanakkam!

75th Independence Day
at Raj Bhavan, Chennai

15.08.2021

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** presented the International editions of 'Thirukkural' to the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit** and greeted him at the Independence Day function.

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit** and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** with the awardees for record Flag Day collection, at the Independence Day function.

'Thagaisal Thamizhar' Award

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** presented 'Thagaisal Thamizhar' Award - 14.08.2021.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin issued an order instituting the 'Thagaisal Thamizhar' Award to be given to those who have worked for Tamil Nadu and growth of Tamils.

Thiru. N.Sankaraiah, a senior leader of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), who has crossed 100 years of age, entered public life at an early age, first serving as a student leader and then as Member of the Legislative Assembly. He also contributed a lot for the development of Tamil Nadu and the Tamil people. In recognition of his great contribution to Tamil Nadu and people of the State, he has been selected for this year's 'Thagaisal Thamizhar' Award.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, went to the residence of Thiru. Sankaraiah at Chrompet in Chengalpattu District and handed over the Award, a cheque for Rs. 10 lakh and a citation.

Thiru. Sankaraiah, who received the Award and the cheque, handed over the cheque to the Hon'ble Chief Minister for the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund for Corona relief.

Hon'ble President lauds Dr. Kalaignar's great contributions to politics, literature and films

Address by the Hon'ble President of India **Shri Ram Nath Kovind** on the occasion of the Centenary Celebrations of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly - 02.08.2021.

Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit,

Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin,

Speaker Thiru. M.Appavu,

Deputy Speaker Thiru. K. Pitchandi,

Ministers of Government of Tamil Nadu, Members of Parliament and Members of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Vanakkam!

I would like to begin my address with few words in Tamil.

இன்றைய வரலாற்று முக்கியத்துவம் வாய்ந்த நிகழ்வில் கலைஞர் திரு. மு. கருணாநிதி அவர்களின் திருவுருவப்படத்தைத் திறந்து வைத்ததில் மகிழ்ச்சியடைகிறேன். உண்மையில் இது ஒரு முக்கியத்துவம் மிக்க நாள்!

(I am glad to be among you here today on this historic occasion. Today, I have just unveiled the portrait of 'Kalaignar' Thiru. M. Karunanidhi.) It is indeed a momentous day! We are commemorating the centenary of the Madras Legislative Council, as it was known then. August is an especially auspicious month in our National calendar as it marks the anniversary of our Independence Day too. In these years, the Nation has made great progress on several fronts, and it was made possible by the joint work of people and leaders.

The history of the Madras Legislative Council, as you know, dates back to 1861. An advisory body set up back then bloomed into a law-making Assembly in 1921. Under colonial rule, there were, of course, many limitations and challenges on the functioning of such a body. Also, there were numerous separate constituencies based on caste, community and other parameters. Still, even if partial, it was a move towards a responsible Government. Democracy, in its modern form, was returning to the land where it was practised centuries ago.

It was a new beginning heralded by the people of the Madras Presidency, which included Tamil Nadu as well as parts of Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha and Lakshadweep. Dreams and aspirations of the people of these regions, shaped by the freedom movement, found an expression in the new Legislative Council. In the Justice Party, which won popular mandates in the initial phase, people had a platform to turn their dreams into reality.

The Legislative Council enacted many forward-looking legislations and also underwent many changes in its early decades. That spirit of democracy remains the guiding light of the State Legislature. It would not be wrong to say that this Legislature became the fountainhead of many Progressive Legislations which were subsequently replicated across the Country to empower the weaker sections of society and strengthen democracy. The Madras Legislature had sown seeds of a fully representative democracy form of governance which were realised after Independence.

This Legislature can rightly be credited with nurturing the roots of democracy by focussing on governance to uplift the poor and purge social evils. Politics and governance in the region evolved around positive and rational content that targeted the welfare of those living on the margins. Abolition of the Devdasi system, widow remarriage, mid-day meals in schools and distribution of agricultural land to the landless were some of the revolutionary ideas that transformed the society. The concept of the welfare State has taken deep roots in this Legislature irrespective of who rules here. Here, I would like to quote a few lines from the great Tamil poet, Subramaniya Bharathiyar, who sums up the progressive thinking of the people of Tamil Nadu: and I quote:

மந்திரம் கற்போம் வினைத்தந்திரம் கற்போம்
வானை யளப்போம், கடல் மீனை யளப்போம்
சந்திர மண்டலத்தியல் கண்டு தெளிவோம்
சந்தித்தெரு பெருக்கும் சாத்திரம் கற்போம்

This can be interpreted as:

We will learn both scripture and science

We will explore both heavens and oceans

We will unravel the mysteries of the moon

And we will sweep our streets clean too

It is indeed gratifying to learn that the Legislature has a tradition of honouring the greatest stars of land. The Assembly already has the portraits of some of ourgreatest heroes: Thiruvalluvar, Mahatma Gandhi, C.Rajagopalachari, C.N.Annadurai, K.Kamaraj, E.V.Ramasami, B. R.Ambedkar, U.Muthuramalinga Thevar, Muhammad Ismail Sahib, M.G.Ramachandran, J. Jayalalithaa, S. S. Ramaswami Padayachi, V. O. Chidambaram Pillai, P. Subbarayan, and Omanthur P. Ramaswamy Reddiar. Now this hall of fame will also have the portrait of Thiru. Karunanidhi whose entire life was devoted to the people's cause in the State.

When I came here, I was thinking about Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, Gandhiji's conscience keeper and a titan among the freedom fighters. He was the first Indian occupant of the Rashtrapati Bhavan, and his presence graced this august house too. He was the first Premier or Chief Minister of Madras State too. His successors too were exemplary political leaders. Among all Rajaji's successors, however, it is Shri Karunanidhi-Ji who ruled the longest, and thus has left a defining stamp on Tamil Nadu.

'Kalaignar' started his political career right in his early teenage years, when India was still fighting for freedom, and he left us only recently. When as a young boy fired by ideals

he had started working for the downtrodden, India was in the shackles, exploited under foreign rule for long years, stricken by poverty and illiteracy. When he breathed his last, he must have been satisfied that this land and its people had made astounding progress and development on all fronts. He must have been satisfied too, as he spent every waking hour of his long and productive life in the service of the people of the State and also of the Nation.

What can I say about his contributions to Tamil literature and cinema? What I know is that there are very few political leaders who are so passionate about language. For him, his mother-tongue was the object of worship. Tamil, of course, is one of the greatest and the oldest languages of humankind. The whole world takes pride in its rich heritage. But, it was Karunanidhi who ensured that it was granted official recognition as a classical language. Kalaignar was a leader in a class of his own. He was among the last links we had with the stalwarts of our National movement.

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is to those stalwarts that my thoughts go, as the Nation celebrates the 75th Anniversary of Independence. Our National Movement spans from 1857, or even before, to 1947. During these decades, there were radicals and revolutionaries. There were pacifists and constitutionalists. They had different methods and they had different visions. But they were united in their reverence for the motherland. Each, in his or her own way, strove to serve Bharat Mata. Like different tributaries coming together in a river, they all came together for the cause of National Independence.

They found a confluence in Gandhiji. Mahatma Gandhi not only personified all that was best in our culture and tradition, but he also improved upon the ideas of several western thinkers. Alongside him was a legion of patriots – lawyers, scholars, social reformers, religious and spiritual leaders and others. Each of them was matchless. Think of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar: Such a towering genius and such a visionary! But for each name written in history books, there were countless others whose names were never recorded. They sacrificed comforts, even careers, and sometimes their lives, so that we could live in a free Nation.

Those few decades, I believe, produced some of the greatest generations ever seen on the face of earth. To them, this Country will ever remain in debt. To them, the only tribute we can pay is to be continuously inspired by their lives and their ideals. They gave us the gift of freedom but they also gave us responsibility. Their vision has been taking shape, but it is an ongoing process. Just as they each played their own part, we each have to play our part in taking the Nation to new heights.

I urge the youth especially, to continuously engage with the past in order to understand the present and progress in the future. In the lives of Mahatma Gandhi, Subramaniya Bharathiyar and others, you will find answers to questions that are arising in your minds. I find that the young generation is more and more interested in our recent history. They give me the hope that the work that began with the known and unknown freedom fighters will continue. That India, with its wisdom, will show the way to the world in this century.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I congratulate the people of Tamil Nadu on this auspicious occasion. My best wishes to all of you.

Thank you. Jai Hind!

Hon'ble President extols Dr. Kalaignar's multi-faceted achievements

- Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi has left his indelible mark by ruling Tamil Nadu for a long time.
- The Tamil Nadu Legislature, by focusing on governance, has the distinction of spearheading many welfare schemes for improving the lot of the poor, abolishing social injustice and strengthening the roots of democracy.
- Whoever rules Tamil Nadu, the welfare of Tamil Nadu is deeply rooted in the State Legislature.
- It is really special to have the portrait of Thiru. Karunanidhi, who dedicated his entire life to the welfare of the State, among the portraits of various leaders.
- Of those who came after Rajaji, it was Muthamizh Arignar Karunanidhi who ruled the State for a long time and left the stamp of his personality.
- Apart from (his achievements in) the world of Tamil letters and films, Kalaignar got the recognition of classical language for Tamil.

Hon'ble Governor recalls stalwarts of Tamil Nadu Assembly, pays tribute to sterling qualities of Dr. Kalaignar

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit** addressed at the Centenary celebrations of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly and Unveiling of portrait of **Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar** on 02.08.2021.

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit participated at the Centenary celebration of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly and Unveiling of portrait of former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.Karunanidhi at the Premises of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, Chennai on 02.08.2021 and addressed the gathering in which Hon'ble President of India Thiru. Ram Nath Kovind participated as Chief Guest and Unveiled the portrait of former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.Karunanidhi.

Hon'ble Governor said, "It is a great honour and privilege to participate in the Centenary celebrations of the Tamil Nadu Legislature and also witness the unveiling of the portrait of the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M. Karunanidhi.

We are all honoured by the presence of the Hon'ble President of India who is here today to grace the commemoration of 100th year of Madras Legislative Council and also unveiling the portrait of the illustrious son of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M. Karunanidhi.

I convey my appreciation to the Speaker of the Assembly, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and all other Members of this august House, who are associated with the centenary celebrations. On this historic occasion, I pay my sincere tribute to all those stalwarts and veterans who have left their indelible impress on this House. Their visionary zeal and foresight were instrumental in the enactment of important and historic legislations in the Tamil Nadu Legislature. These legislations paved the way for the creation of a progressive State.

India is the largest democracy with the finest written constitution in the world. The evolution of the Legislature was a slow and steady process, ground and refined through various Acts. It has to be noted that the first elected Legislature in the State, originally called the Madras Legislative Council, was established in 1921. Thus, this year, 2021 is the centenary year. I must add that this first Legislative Council stood out for its commitment to the upliftment of the disadvantaged sections and women in Tamil Nadu.

Tamil Nadu Legislature has seen many legends like, Thiru. Panagal Raja, Thiru. C. Rajagopalachari, Thiru. T. Prakasam, Thiru. K. Kamaraj, Thiru. M. Bakthavatsalam, Dr. C.N. Annadurai, Dr. M. Karunanidhi, Dr. M.G. Ramachandran, Selvi Dr. J. Jayalalithaa and many more.

I would like to remember the first woman Legislator of modern India - Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy who joined the Madras Legislative Council in 1927. This was made possible because the first Legislative Council, whose 100th year of formation we commemorate today voted in favour of the women's suffrage resolution in 1921.

Dr. C.N. Annadurai, who was popularly known as Arignar Anna, was an inspiring and path-breaking leader whose oratorical skills and his respect for the three cardinal principles of 'Duty, Decorum and Restraint', won wide acclaim. Arignar Annadurai was instrumental in getting the name of our State, changed from Madras to Tamil Nadu, fulfilling the long-cherished aspiration of the people of Tamil Nadu.

Tamil Nadu can be truly proud of this galaxy of leaders and legislators who have contributed to the establishment of a strong parliamentary tradition and democratic culture in India through their work in this Assembly.

The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly has a great history. Being one of the oldest and early Legislative Houses in the Country, several landmark legislations have been introduced here. They include, pioneering schemes in the areas of social justice, eradication of untouchability, women and child welfare, education, eradication of poverty, the welfare of the marginalized including the transgenders, etc., Many of these have been the bedrock of policies and programmes in the Country.

I would like to briefly touch upon the greatness of Thiru. M. Karunanidhi also called as Kalaignar and Muthamizh Arignar. He was a versatile leader who held the masses mesmerized by his oratory. For a person to be a Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for five times and to win every election that he fought in his political career is indeed a remarkable achievement. He entered politics at the tender age of 14 years and was elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly thirteen times. He remained undefeated in all the elections he contested from 1957 to 2016. He was respected for his political acumen and ability to strategize

by political leaders from all parts of India. He was a member of this House till his demise.

John Stuart Mill, the great Parliamentarian, said that in a representative democracy, the Legislature acted as the eyes, ears and voice of the people. The Legislature represents the public will. The Legislature operates under a system of collective decision making. In addition to official law-making capacity, most Legislatures perform an educational role by simplifying complicated issues and defining policy choices. It is in this context, that we have to appreciate the services rendered by Dr. M. Karunanidhi who was held in high esteem for his vast knowledge in a variety of fields. The dynamism he exhibited in administrative matters and his brilliant debates are etched in the annals of this august House.

The foundation of the fame of Dr. Karunanidhi and the fulcrum of his greatness was in his extraordinary command over Tamil language. This mesmerized even his political adversaries. I am reminded of this couplet of Thiruvalluvar, “Mighty in word, of unforgetful mind, of fearless speech, it is hard for a hostile power to overreach such a man”.

The political decency of Karunanidhi could very well be shown by an incident. During the year 1972, several freedom fighters including Thiru.Rajaji were chosen for awards in appreciation for their services and their participation in the freedom struggle. Thiru. Rajaji could not attend the function and requested Thiru. Karunanidhi, the then Chief Minister to receive the award on his behalf from the then Governor and send it across to him. On 2nd October 1972, Thiru. Karunanidhi received the award on behalf of Thiru. Rajaji and on 3rd October 1972, he went to Thiru. Rajaji’s home, garlanded him and handed over the award. This was greatly appreciated by Thiru. Rajaji and the gesture of a Chief Minister going in person and handing over the award was well received.

Thiru. Karunanidhi won the hearts of lakhs of people of Tamil Nadu, especially the poor and the downtrodden. He was rightly called ‘people’s Chief Minister’. His novel schemes like the scheme for correction of vision, Beggars’ Rehabilitation Programme, introduction of cycle rickshaws instead of hand-pulled rickshaws, creation of Slum Clearance Board, Law for equal property rights for Women, Marriage Assistance Scheme, distribution of wasteland to the landless farmers, free electricity to farmers, the formation of many labour welfare boards, free colour televisions, Samathuvapurams to eradicate caste discrimination and gas connection to the poor, rice at subsidized price speak volumes of his dedicated service for the upliftment of the poor.

With a political span covering nearly seven decades, Karunanidhi was familiar with all the Hon’ble Presidents of India, all the Hon’ble Prime Ministers of India and the Chief Ministers of various States and Heads of various Political Parties. He stands as a role model for the Members of the Legislature at all times.

I like to remember fondly the meeting between two tall leaders, Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Thiru. Narendra Modi Ji and Thiru. Karunanidhi Ji on 6th November, 2017. I accompanied Hon’ble Prime Minister and met Thiru. Karunanidhi. It was a wonderful meeting.

Being a legislator is at once a privilege and an honour, which also brings with it certain rights as well as responsibilities. It is through the elected representatives that the sovereign will of the people finds expression in our Legislative Bodies. The trust and faith which

the people have reposed in you need to be justified with sincerity and commitment. As people's representatives, you all are entrusted with the challenging task of keeping the flame of democracy burning bright.

The Members of the newly-constituted 16th Assembly may have come from different parts of the State and may belong to different political parties with varying political ideologies. On this occasion of the centenary celebrations, I appeal to you to work together with a common goal of serving the people and for the progress of the State.

I congratulate Thiru. M. Appavu, Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, Thiru. M. K. Stalin, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, all Ministers, all Members of this house and all others who have worked hard to make this Centenary celebration a grand success. It is my fervent hope that all of you will strive relentlessly to enrich this august House like your forebears did, with a strong commitment to social and economic justice. Let this Assembly be the leading light to whole Nation in future also."

On this occasion, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, Hon'ble Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Thiru. M. Appavu, Hon'ble Chief Justice of Madras High Court Thiru. Sanjib Banerjee, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Thiru. K. Pitchandi, Hon'ble Ministers, Members of Parliament, Members of the Legislative Assembly and other dignitaries were present.

Maaveeran Ondiveeran was the army chief of Maaveeran Poolithevan and he fought against the British.

The name of Ondiveeran will ever be remembered in the tradition of heroic Tamils.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

Hon'ble President unveils Muthamizh Arignar's portrait in Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly

"I am happy as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and I am moved as the son of Kalaignar"

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** at the Centenary Function of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly and unveiling of the Portrait of **Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar** on 02.08.2021 *(English Translation)*.

Hon'ble President of India Thiru. Ram Nath Kovind who has come as the chief guest for the function of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Centenary and the unveiling of the portrait of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar residing in the hearts of crores of Tamils, and to deliver the keynote address, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit, slated to deliver the Presidential Address, Hon'ble Chief Justice of Madras High Court Thiru. Sanjib Banerjee, Hon'ble Speaker of the Assembly Thiru. M. Appavu who welcomed the gathering, Hon'ble Leader of the Assembly, Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of the Assembly Thiru. K. Pitchandi who is to propose a vote of thanks, Hon'ble Members of Parliament and Legislative Assembly, Special Invitees, Leaders of various political parties, VIPs, High officials of Government inclusive of Legislative Assembly Secretary, Government servants, Newspaper and Media Friends - at the outset, I wish to offer my hearty respects to all of you.

I am proud to mention that August 2 is going to be honoured in the coming years as a day deserved to be etched in golden letters in history.

Our President of India has come today to Fort St.George which has played a very important role, not only in the history of Tamil Nadu but also that of India.

Our President of India has dedicated himself to championing the welfare of the Scheduled Castes and Tribes. He became an advocate, rejecting an I.A.S. post. Social justice is his life's target. It is an honour for all of us that such an eminent person has come today to our Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.

In the last 100 years, this traditionally and historically important Assembly has paved the way for the creation of an egalitarian society by enacting many novel laws and pioneering schemes.

Under the Government of India Act, enacted under the Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms in 1919, elected members found a place in the Provincial Councils of those days for the first time. That Act inspired the formation of elected Governments in States later. As per that Act, the first election for Madras Provincial council was held in 1920. In that election, the Justice Party, the fore-runner of the Dravidian Movement, won and formed the Government.

The Coral Jubilee of the inauguration of the provincial assembly for self-rule, by the Duke of Connaught in 1921 and the Diamond Jubilee of the Madras Legislative Assembly formed in 1937 for the first time under the 1935 Government of India Act, were grandly celebrated in 1997 by the Government of Tamil Nadu headed by the then Chief Minister Muthamizh Arignar Thalaivar Kalaignar. I wish to recall that event at this hour while celebrating the centenary function.

At the same time, I am duty-bound to point out some of the historically excellent laws enacted in this Hon'ble Assembly.

The Madras Legislative Council had the honour of being the first to pass a law to confer franchise to women even during British rule. It attained the glory of having created pioneering schemes in protecting women's welfare like abolition of Devadasi system, reservation for women in local administration posts and special scheme for the protection of girl child.

Apart from these, it passed many bills and resolutions, admired by the entire world, like a historic special resolution, moved by Perarignar Anna, to name Madras State as Tamil Nadu, a law to validate self-respect and reformist marriages, to

bring about land reform, pave the way to declare May Day as a Government holiday, a resolution for State autonomy, a law for equal rights to women in property, to form the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University and the Right to Information. Our participation in the centenary of this great Assembly itself is a matter of pride.

This is the great complex where the two-language policy was established. We are joyous to see that Tamil language is adorning the throne through the motto ‘Truth alone triumphs’ engraved in Government seal in Tamil, “Vaaimaiyae Vellum”. This Assembly continues to act to protect the welfare of the marginalized people, the differently-abled, transgenders and the downtrodden.

The pinnacle of the event is the unveiling of the portrait of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar who excellently discharged his democratic duty for more than half a century in this Assembly whose centenary is being celebrated today.

In his maiden speech after getting elected to this Assembly for the first time in 1957, he attracted everyone’s attention and made an indelible mark by raising the Nangavaram farmers issue. As Chief Minister, leader of the opposition, Minister and as member, Muthamizh Arignar Thalaivar Kalaignar served the people in many posts and earned the appreciation and love of many persons.

Thalaivar Kalaignar lit the light in the lives of Tamils by passing many revolutionary and reformist resolutions and laws, like the resolution for implementation of the report of Mandal Commission that laid the foundation for social justice, the one for the setting up of a Cauvery Tribunal for establishing Tamil Nadu’s rights on the Cauvery water, a law to remove caste distinction in the appointment of archakas and abolition of entrance examination for removing the hurdles that impeded students from taking to higher education. Thiru. Somnath Chatterji, communist party leader and former Lok Sabha Speaker hailed Thalaivar Kalaignar as a leader who dedicated himself to ideals and policies and was ready for any sacrifice when they were threatened. He was delivering a special address at a golden jubilee function organized to applaud the 50 year contribution of Kalaignar to the Legislative Assembly. If one recalls that speech, it will be very clear what a great leader Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar was in the Indian subcontinent.

Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar cast his spell on the people of Tamil Nadu with his magnetic voice that called out, “Udanpirappe! It is your nature to shower love on me! It is my nature to be bound by your love! It is our nature to protect the party!”

When I look at his portrait, I see the faces of many great leaders, starting from Sir Pitti Theagaraya, T.M. Nair, Dr. Natesanar to ‘Inamaana Peraasiriyar’. When I see his portrait, a former Chief Minister, I see him as a Chief Minister who is guiding us even today.

When I reflect on the fact that the first citizen of India, the President has unveiled the portrait of the ‘Thalaimagan’ of Tamil Annai, I am happy as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and I am moved as the son of Kalaignar.

I take this opportunity to thank our Hon’ble President for gracing this House with his presence and making this historic event more special.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to our Hon’ble Governor of Tamil Nadu for presiding over the function.

I greet the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly that protects the honour of democracy. Many more centenary functions and enactment of several laws for the development of the people in the lower rungs of society.

Nandri! Vanakkam!

Hon'ble Chief Minister exudes confidence after first 100 days on leading State to greater glory

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 14.08.2021, after the Completion of 100 Days in Government *(English Translation)*.

Hon'ble Speaker,

With today, hundred days have passed by since the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam took over governance of the State after winning a huge victory in the just-concluded Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly election.

At the outset, I wish to convey my heart-felt thanks to the leaders of parties seated in the front row and Members who spoke praising, as a mark of that great event, the D.M.K. rule and me.

You proudly spoke about the 100 days which have gone by. But I think of the future. Expectations of me as well as of the party have risen in these 100 days than before the election.

If you have all now praised, it is not that the task has been completed; you have encouraged us so that we do more work. That is what I feel.

If elections are held now, those who had not voted for the D.M.K. are ready to vote (for the party). We have earned such a good name. We have to preserve that name throughout; that is the thought that grips our mind.

Again and again, I wish to convey my thanks to all our Hon'ble Ministers who have lent their shoulders to my work, leaders of different parties and legislators.

You mentioned here that the Corona pandemic had gripped us when we assumed governance. We worked together to face it on a war footing.

The first one month went by only with the sounds of the ambulance siren. It never left us in peace. Over and above that, one or the other issue such as paucity of beds in hospital, inadequate oxygen stock, etc., – was intimidating us. To manage all these, we immediately set up the war room. We gave ear to the demands of the people. To the extent possible, we satisfied the demands. Now, we have created a situation where there is no demand; in other words, a situation where there is no need to make a demand. As for me, I consider protecting and going to the succour of lakhs and lakhs of people was the biggest accomplishment recorded in these 100 days.

The future generation should talk about us like this: "This Government took steps like Vallalar who sang that he pined whenever he saw a withered crop".

I am not prepared to cheat you or myself by saying that I have fulfilled all the electoral assurances. We are carrying them out gradually. We will fulfill them. There is no change in that for sure.

Our Finance Minister tabled the budget here yesterday. On the 100th day of our Government, the agriculture budget was tabled in a way, as you have proudly stated, worthy of being recorded in the history of Tamil Nadu. Allotments have been made to all Departments with motherly concern. We have given a tax-free budget. We have just started. We will demonstrate the implementation of all assurances in stages. No one needs to entertain any doubt about it.

What our Leader Kalaignar, looking from a portrait here, had stated is still deeply etched in my heart : "We will carry out what we have stated, we will state only what we have done". I wish to state at this hour that I am determined to do what he would have done. Hundred days in a five year span of rule is just 1/18th of the period. It will take 3 hours to list the achievements recorded in these 100 days. So, I don't want to list them. As and when time permits, Ministers will narrate and I am too ready.

We toil the entire day. Every second we think of the people. These 100 days have given us the hope that we can retrieve the lost glory of Tamil Nadu. The financial situation alone causes some concern. I am confident we will rectify that also soon. With your co-operation, we will create a Tamil Nadu that excels. I am ready to carry that great responsibility on my shoulders. I will continue my journey with the belief that you are all with me.

This Government first started as my Government. Now I say, it is not my Government, it is our Government! This is my policy. This Government is functioning in a way that people can say that it is our Government. So, my thanks to all those who have blessed us. We will toil doubly in the next 100 days to win over those who have no mind to bless us.

Nandri! Vanakkam!

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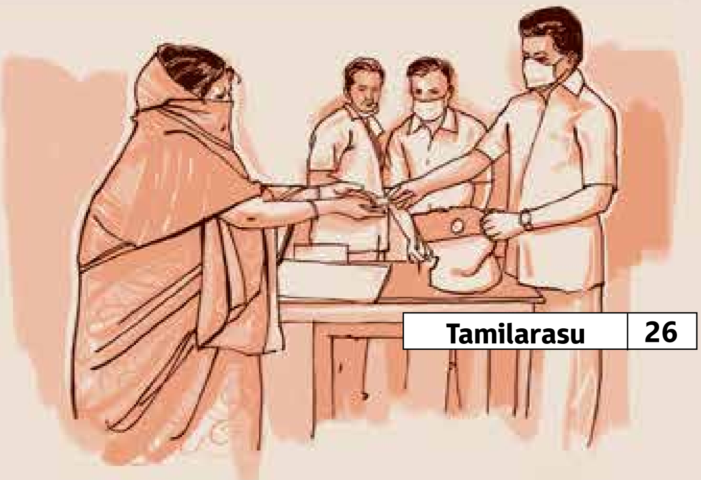
Hundred Days of Marvellous Achievements

Just a few out of the many Achievements....

- Rs.4,000 to all rice card holders as Corona relief.
- Aavin milk price reduced by Rs. 3 per litre.
- Free bus travel for all women in town buses of Transport Corporations.
- 'Ungal Thogudhiyil Mudhalamaichar' Department to redress grievances in people's petitions.
- Government bears expenses for Corona treatment in private hospitals under Chief Minister's Insurance Scheme.
- Distribution of 14 types of essential grocery articles to all rice card holders.
- Corona relief of Rs.4,000, 10 kg of rice, and 15 varieties of grocery articles to employees of temples under HR and CE Department without fixed monthly income.
- Free bus facilities in Transport Corporation buses for differently-abled persons and transgenders.
- Rs. 4,000 Corona relief to all Sri Lankan families living outside camps.
- Rs. 4,000 given to transgenders as Corona Relief.



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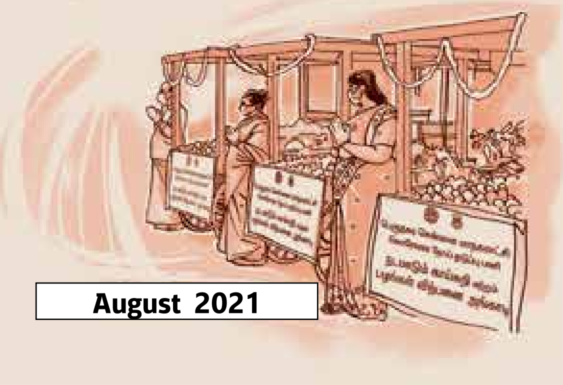
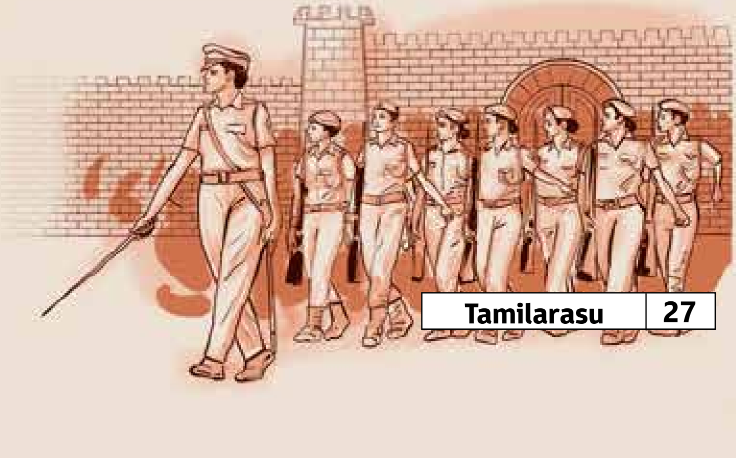
- Hon’ble Ministers assigned to heavily infected Corona Districts to give special attention.
- Six I.A.S Officers appointed for Nodal Corona Command Centre.
- All Party Advisory Committee of legislators to offer suggestions on controlling Corona virus.
- Rs.100 crore sanctioned for advance measures against the third wave.
- Corona vaccination for all above 18 years.
- Children who lost their parents due to Corona will be provided Rs. 5 lakh as fixed deposit, Government to meet education and hostel fees.
- Children who lost either one of their parents will get relief amount of Rs. 3 lakh.
- Orphaned children living with relatives or guardians given Rs. 3,000 as maintenance allowance till age of 18.
- Incentive for laboratory assistants, sanitary staff and emergency ambulance workers.
- Rs.5,000 Incentive to 1,17,184 Police Personnel from Grade II Constable to Inspector.
- 15 kg of rice and other essential groceries to migrant workers from other States who lost their jobs due to Corona.
- Journalists and visual media professionals declared frontline workers.
- Special incentive to registered print and visual media journalists increased to Rs. 5,000.





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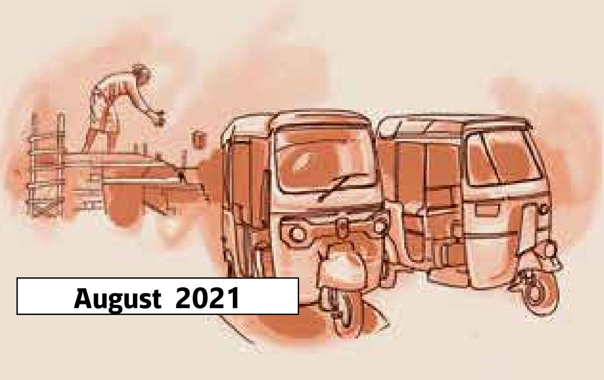
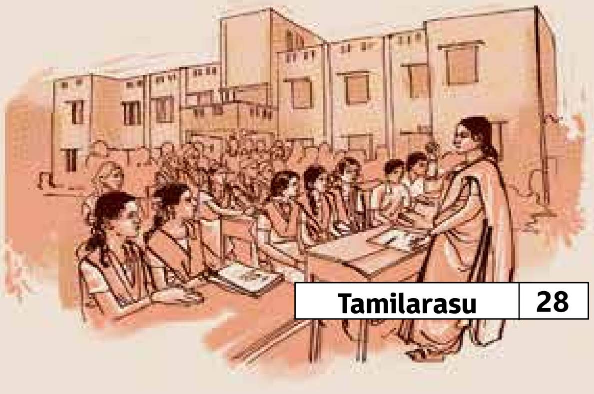
- Relief amount hiked to Rs. 10 lakh to families of accredited journalists who died due to Corona.
- Incentive for frontline workers like Doctors and Nurses.
- Penalty for late registration of births and deaths during Covid-19 Pandemic waived with Government taking on loss due to waiver.

- Rs. 25 crore sanctioned from Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund for treating Mucormycosis.
- Upgrading medical infrastructure to counter third wave of Corona virus.
- Corona vaccination for industrial workers in places of work throughout State.

- Release of Capital Subsidy by Industries Department in one instalment.
- Extension of deadline for payment of Road Tax for Auto-rickshaws and Taxis.
- Due to Covid-19, Public Examination for 12th standard cancelled for 2020-2021 academic year.
- Formation of Hon'ble Chief Minister's Economic Advisory Committee to help Tamil Nadu reach growth target.

- Greater Chennai Flood Water Management Committee with Environment, Town Planning and Disaster Management experts.
- High-level committee formed under chairmanship of retired Judge to study impact of NEET Examinations on Medical College admission in Tamil Nadu.





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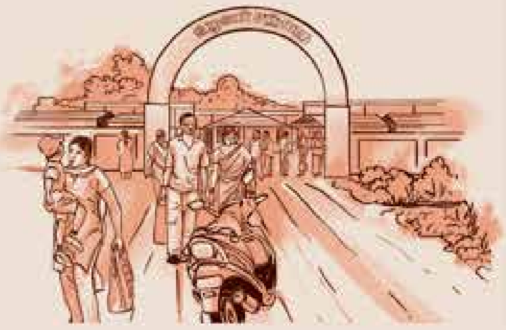
- High-level advisory committee to streamline maintenance of temples.
- Tamil Nadu State Minorities Commission reconstituted.
- Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education (TANSCHE) has been reconstituted for improving higher education schemes.
- Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board reconstituted.
- Vice-chairman and 9 members appointed to State Development Policy Council.
- G.O. issued on special reservation for Vanniyars within the reservation for MBCs and Denotified Communities in education and Government appointments.
- Monthly pension to indigent artistes increased to Rs. 3,000.
- All cases against anti-sterlite agitators withdrawn.
- Release of water from Mettur reservoir for Cauvery Delta irrigation.
- Relief of Rs.20 lakh each to the families of 21 missing fishermen during Tauktae cyclone.
- 500 bed super-multi speciality hospital in the King Institute Complex in Chennai at cost of Rs. 250 crore.
- Paddy storage godowns and drying yards in Tiruvarur District at a cost of Rs. 30 crore.
- A Rs. 70 crore library with modern facilities at Madurai, in memory of Dr.Kalaignar.



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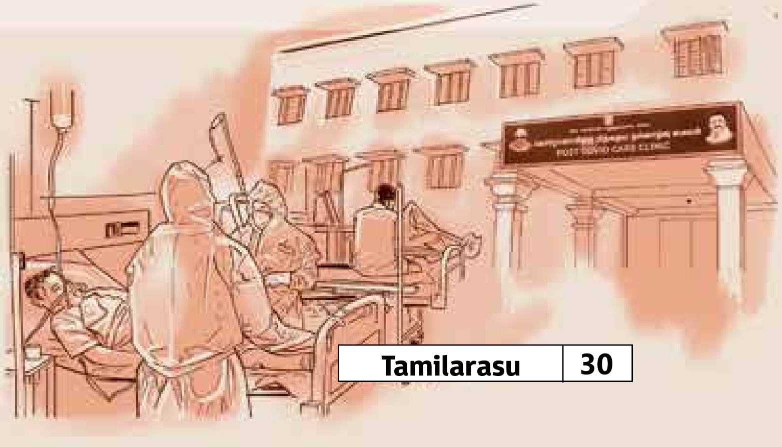
- Anna Centenary Library to be renovated with new look.
- Major scheme to bring out the full potential of Tamil Nadu Tourism.
- 'Uzhavar Sandhai' initiated by Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar to be revitalized.
- Singara Chennai 2.0 to improve infrastructure of Greater Chennai Corporation on par with the international standards.
- Internet connectivity to enable people avail themselves of Government services.
- Minnagam, a new customer service call centre, for complaints relating to power supply.
- Dual-line connection for interruption-free power to 7 hospitals in Chennai.
- Revitalization of Women's Self Help Groups.
- Rs. 5 lakh sanctioned to Selvi Bhavani Devi, selected for participating in Fencing event in Tokyo Olympics.
- Special incentive of Rs. 5 lakh to athletes of Tamil Nadu who participated Tokyo Olympics.
- First ever e-Budget of the Government of Tamil Nadu in the Legislative Assembly.
- Separate budget for Agriculture for the first time.
- Released the White Paper on the Finances of the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- Kuruvai cultivation package for Delta District farmers.



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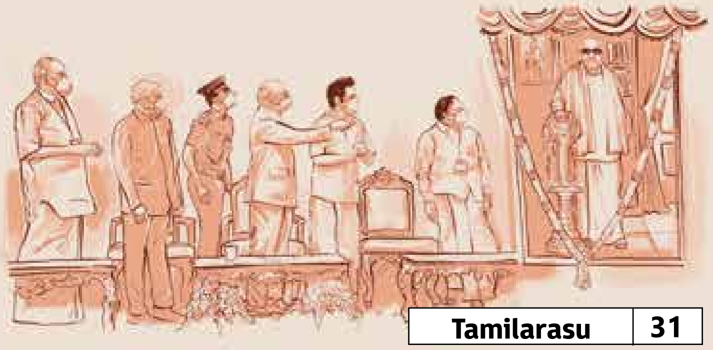
- ❖ Centenary Celebrations of Tamil Nadu Legislature and unveiling the portrait of the former Chief Minister Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar in the Legislative Assembly.
- ❖ “Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam” scheme to provide treatment to those affected by non communicable diseases, at their homes.
- ❖ Scheme for Quick HBsAg test for Pregnant women for Jaundice.
- ❖ Breast Milk Banks in District Government Hospitals.
- ❖ Firmness in ensuring security, rights and welfare of Women, Children, Transgenders, Senior citizens.

- ❖ Allotment of house at nominal rent and Rs. 5 lakh for Thiru. Sairam, Maternal Grandson of yesteryear star Thiru. M.K.Thyagaraja Bhagavathar.
- ❖ Government assistance to young Tiruvarur scientist who developed mini CPU, for Computer related Higher Education and Research.

- ❖ Works of Maraimalai Adigalar nationalized, family given compensation of Rs. 20 lakh.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu - Investors first destination - Employment opportunity to 83,482 persons through investment of Rs.28,508 crore in 49 schemes.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu industrial Guidance Bureau’s Upgraded Single Window Portal 2.0.
- ❖ Hospitals in places with more workers under ESI scheme.



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- Special concessions package to entrepreneurs investing for manufacture of Liquid Medical Oxygen and allied equipment.
- Steps to increase forest cover in Tamil Nadu to 33 per cent.
- 45 kg sandalwood logs given free to Nagore Dargah Chinna Aandavar Kandoori and Periandavar Kandoori Santhanakoodu.

- All cases filed against media in the last 10 years withdrawn.
- World class training and sports infrastructure to enable players from State to win medals in Olympic and international sports events.
- 7.5 per cent sanction to Government School students in Professional Courses.
- All differently-abled students who applied for 12th Standard Supplementary examinations as private candidates for the year 2021, declared pass.

- Students studying in I to XII classes through Kalvi TV Channel.
- Memorial Pillar on Beach Road, Chennai to commemorate the 75th year of Independence of the Country.
- 'Thagaisal Thamizhar' Award for those with major role in development of Tamil Nadu and Tamil people.
- 'Ilakkiya Maamani' Award to encourage Tamil writers.
- Government to allocate house free for those who win national awards like Jnanpith and Sahitya Akademy as

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well as those who win State and International literary awards.

- Aadi Thiruvathirai, the birth anniversary of Emperor Rajendra Chola, will be celebrated as Government festival.
- On Independence Day and Republic Day, the statues of martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the Country's freedom, should be honoured by the Government as a mark of respect.
- Rs.1.25 crore to Cologne University of Germany for maintaining Tamil Department.
- Priority in Government Jobs for students who studied in Government schools and in Tamil medium.
- Central Institute of Classical Tamil in Chennai to be revitalized.
- Archanai in Tamil in HR & CE temples.
- All castes to become Archakas in HR & CE temples.
- Kumbhabhishekam and renovation of 100 temples maintained by HR & CE.
- Renovation of 100 Temple tanks and Nandavanams (gardens).
- Devotees can register their grievances online under the HR & CE Department website.
- Devotees from across Tamil Nadu can contact the grievance cell through phone.
- Public grievances hearing centre at HR & CE Commissioner's Office for the convenience of devotees.

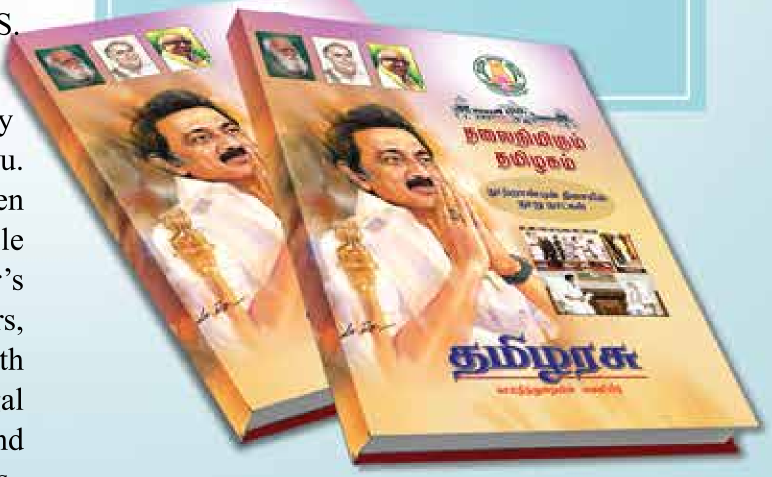
Tamil Nadu Regains Glory

Hundred Days towards New Century

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at the Secretariat on 19.08.2021, released a special publication of the Government of Tamil Nadu titled 'Thalai Nimirum Thamizhagam; Nootraandin Thisaiyil Nooru Naatkal', a compilation detailing the various welfare schemes implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu in 100 days after he took over the reins of the administration. This publication, brought out by Tamilarasu as a special publication, was received by the Chief Secretary to Government Dr.V.Irai Anbu I.A.S.

The special publication gives details of hundreds of welfare schemes announced by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, field work and reviews undertaken in various Districts in person by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Department wise discussions with the Ministers, his speeches at important functions, along with Departmental information about the 'Ungal Thogudhiyil Mudhalamaichar' scheme and photographs of various Government functions.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** released the Special publication of Tamilarasu Magazine "Thalai Nimirum Thamizhagam" on 100 days Achievements -19.08.2021.



Paperless budget emphasizes data-centric governance, increased accountability

Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Human Resources Management Dr.Palanivel Thiaga Rajan presented the Revised Budget for the year 2021-2022 to the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 13.08.2021.

Highlights

A king is he who treasure gains, stores up, defends,
And duly for his kingdom's weal expends

(Kural 385)

Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar was a Member of this House continuously since 1957, and his pervasive presence and direct gaze as his portrait keeps vigil over all of us present in this Chamber.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has made several promises to the people in the Election Manifesto, which find place in the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Vision Document for a New Dawn. Many elements of the Vision Document have been converted into schemes and projects in the budget to be implemented by various Government Departments.

Arresting and reversing fiscal mismanagement is one of the important commitments we made to the people. The task is daunting and cannot be completed at one go or in one year. It will need sustained efforts over at least two to three years.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also clearly established the model for this Government's approach, with transparency, engagement with society, inputs from experts, and decisive action as the four key components.

While improving the fiscal situation, we will prioritise the promises made in the Election Manifesto and implement them in stages. The Hon'ble Chief Minister on the day of assumption of office passed five orders implementing important promises contained in the Election Manifesto.

One of the promises made in the Election Manifesto was the presentation of a separate Agriculture Budget. The Hon'ble Minister for

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare will present the Agriculture Budget tomorrow.

Ungal Thogudhiyil Mudhalamaichar

All the 4,57,645 petitions received under the programme have been acted upon. After due field verification, 2,29,216 grievances have been positively redressed.

Union-State Fiscal Relations

Nowhere is this dilution of the spirit of federalism more apparent than in the taxation of petrol and diesel at the pump. The overall Union levies on petrol were increased from Rs.10.39 per litre in May 2014 to Rs.32.90 per litre today.

Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has pointed out that the Union Government cesses levied for a specific purpose have not been fully utilised for the intended purpose, and surcharges which are meant for a limited time have continued almost indefinitely.

This Government will establish an advisory council to develop a Federal Fiscal Model with renowned experts on legislation involving revenue and taxation (including GST).

Data Centric Governance

Following major initiatives relating to Data Centric Governance Reforms.

A cross-departmental initiative to link all available Government data sources to better understand the true economic status of all citizens and households will be undertaken.

Hence, a major initiative for smart metering for all public utilities in the State will be launched.

E-procurement will be mandatorily adopted across all procuring entities. A separate e-procurement portal will be created for the Government of Tamil Nadu to enhance transparency in Government procurement.

The entire workflow process of all engineering Departments including, updated standard data book and schedule of rates, planning and design, estimate preparation, tendering, measurement of works, payment of bills and recording completion will be fully electronically enabled to increase efficiency and transparency.

Government Assets & Risk Management

To improve management of the public land, an advanced Government Land Management System will be created which will contain full details of all Government lands.

A Litigation Risk Management System will be established which will monitor all high-risk litigations relating to taxation, land matters, personnel matters and procurement issues to ensure that the public interest is effectively protected, and resources accrue to Government without delay.

The Litigation Management System will be overseen by an experienced team of retired judges and senior legal experts.

Increased Accountability and Productivity

Fundamental reform of the audit system within Government will be taken up. All Audit Departments functioning in Government will be brought under the Finance Department and will be integrated seamlessly to ensure that internal

audit functions are effectively carried out across all Government Departments and agencies.

Fortifying the Role of the Legislature

As an observance of the 100th anniversary of the Assembly, an initiative will be undertaken to completely digitize the entire documentary archives and records of this historic house from its inception in 1921. To help strengthen the functioning of the Finance Committees of the Assembly (Estimates, Public Accounts and Public Undertakings) a computerized special secretariat will be created and staffed with the appropriate resources.

Tamil Development and Culture

This Government will take all necessary steps to revive the Central Institute of Classical Tamil in Chennai. The Kalaignar M.Karunanidhi Semmozhi Tamil Award, which has not been presented since 2010, will hereafter be awarded on June 3rd every year with a prize of Rs.10 lakh.

The use of Tamil as the official language will be strengthened in all Departments from the Secretariat down to the field level.

World famous literary classics will be translated into Tamil and Internationally acclaimed Tamil works will be translated into different languages.

Rs.5 crore will be allocated this financial year to carry out archaeological excavations in Tamil Nadu, which is the highest among all States in the Country.

The areas in Keezhadi, Sivakalai and Kodumanal where excavations have been carried out will be declared as protected archaeological sites.

The first stage of deep-sea excavations will be undertaken in the areas where the Sangam Age harbours of Korkai and Azhagankulam were located, in co-ordination with National Institute of Oceanography, National Institute of Ocean Technology and Indian Maritime University.

Social Security Pensions

This Government will revamp the implementation of Old Age Pensions scheme in Tamil Nadu and expand coverage to all deserving beneficiaries. Tamil Nadu will reclaim its legitimate position as the leader in provision of social security to the people of the State. In the Revised Budget Estimates for 2021-2022, an enhanced amount of Rs.4,807.56 crore is provided for social security pensions.

Land Administration

This Government will undertake a modern survey of the entire State utilizing Differential and Global Positioning System (DGPS) and other modern technologies.

A separate Tamil Nadu Social Impact Assessment and Rehabilitation and Resettlement

unit will be established under the Commissioner of Land Administration for this purpose.

Disaster Management

We urge the Union Government to enhance the size of the SDRMF and in the meanwhile release funds to Tamil Nadu from the National Disaster Relief Fund.

Police

Effective measures will be taken to ensure that the remaining 14,317 vacancies in the police force against the sanctioned strengthen of 1,33,198 are filled.

There will be a special focus on swift and effective investigation of serious crimes, specifically crimes against women and children, cyber crimes and economic crimes.

Fire and Rescue Services

The existing Fire Services Act, 1985 will be thoroughly overhauled. The location of new fire stations will be on the basis of a scientific mapping exercise to reduce response time.

Road Safety

An Integrated Road Safety Mission will be revamped and the Commissioner of Transport will be re-designated as Commissioner of Transport and Road Safety.

Administration of Justice

It will be ensured that all Courts have adequate buildings in the next five years. This Government will render necessary support to fill all vacancies in Civil and Criminal Courts

and support the application of Information and Communication technology for more effective functioning of the Courts.

Public Distribution System

All the 2.1 crore rice ration card holders in the State have been given a special Covid assistance package comprising cash worth Rs.4,000 released in two instalments in May and June, 2021 and a special grocery kit at the peak of the second wave of the Covid pandemic. At a total cost of Rs.9,370.11 crore, this was the largest COVID-19 relief package undertaken by any State.

A Committee will be appointed to review the guidelines for opening new ration shops in places where they are needed.

Irrigation

This Government demonstrated the emphasis it places on conserving and appropriately utilising the limited water resources of the State by creating a new Ministry for Water Resources. To carry forward the vision of the Hon'ble Chief Minister 1,000 check dams and barrages are planned to be constructed over the next 10 years.

This Government will formulate schemes to restore the reservoir capacity for important dams including Mettur, Amaravathi, Vaigai and Pechiparai.

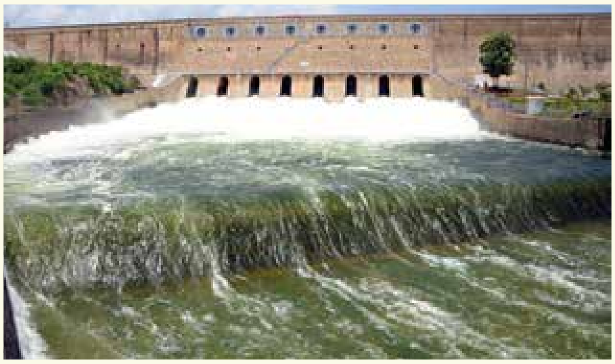
Under the Repairs, Renovation and Restoration of water bodies component of the Prime Minister Krishi Sinchayi Yojana, 200 tanks will be taken up for upgradation in 2021-2022 at a cost of Rs.111.24 crore.

This Government will launch a special scheme for standardisation of 50 system minor irrigation tanks every year starting from 2021-2022.

The functioning of the Water Resources Department would be modernised and updated through the use of modern technology including UAV based survey, Deploying differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) and GIS based computer system.

The Tamil Nadu Water Resource Information and Management System will be implemented at a total cost of Rs.30 crore.

The Extension, Renovation and Modernisation programme of the Grand



Anaicut Canal System at a total cost of Rs.2,639.15 crore has been taken up with the assistance from the AIIB.

The second phase of the Climate Change Adaptation Programme in the Cauvery Delta area will be taken up at a total cost of Rs.1,825 crore with the assistance from the Asian Development Bank.

Fisheries

Kasimedu Fishing Harbour in Chennai will be upgraded at a total cost of Rs.150 crore in association with Chennai Port Trust. A total sum of Rs.433.97 crore has been allocated for construction of Fishing Harbours and fish landing centres in the Revised Budget Estimates for 2021-2022 and Rs.143.46 crore has been

allocated for improvement to fish landing facilities.

The overall allocation for the welfare of the fishermen in Tamil Nadu in the Revised Budget Estimates for 2021-2022 is Rs.1,149.79 crore.

Environment and Climate Change

This Government will launch the Green Tamil Nadu Mission to increase the total area under the forest and tree cover in Tamil Nadu to 33 per cent of the land area of the State. Under the Mission a massive tree plantation programme of indigenous and diverse species, in co-ordination with multiple Departments, Public and Private Institutions will be taken up with people's participation over 10 years.

This Government will launch the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission under the Hon'ble Chief Minister to focus on climate change adaptation and mitigation activities with a total outlay of Rs.500 crore.

Special attention will be paid to the modernization of the forest force by equipping them with modern equipment and technology including Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), Artificial Intelligence, GIS and MIS based management systems, updated weaponry and forest worthy vehicles.

Over the next 5 years, 10 beaches will be upgraded with the active support of local bodies to achieve the prestigious Blue Flag Certification which mandates higher standards

of quality, safety, Environmental education and Information and Safety Services.

India's first Integrated Environment Monitoring Studio will be established for forecasting air quality on a real time basis with an early warning system.

Under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, this Government will launch the 'Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission' with the objective of ecological restoration of wetlands in Tamil Nadu. The mission will identify and map 100 wetlands in 5 years and restore the ecological balance with focus on livelihood options at a cost of Rs.150 crore.

Construction Technology

This Government will enable the adoption of advanced information technology including Building Information Modelling and use innovative rapid construction technology, automation and sustainable materials.

Standard data books of construction will be revised and updated. The entire estimation, tendering, project supervision and monitoring and billing processes will be fully automated and IT enabled within a year.

Rural Development

At least 55 litres per capita per day of good quality drinking water will be supplied to all the 79,395 habitations in the State. Household connections will be enabled for all the 1.27 crore dwelling units situated in rural areas. The 83.92 lakh households which currently do not have household water supply connections will be provided access to such connections by March, 2024.

To achieve this objective, the Jal Jeevan Mission will be implemented at a total cost of Rs.2,000 crore during 2021-2022.

This Government will ensure that all the incomplete houses are taken up and completed at the earliest. In 2021-2022 a further 2,89,877 houses at a total cost of Rs.8,017.41 crore will be taken up for construction.

This Government will ensure that 8,03,924 houseless families in rural areas are provided a house in the next 5 years. With a provision of an additional Rs.70,000 per house from the State Government's side in addition to the existing roofing cost of Rs.50,000, the unit cost has been raised to Rs.2.76 lakh per house. The Government will encourage adoption of modern low cost construction techniques on a large scale to ensure speedy, affordable construction for the poorest beneficiaries.

In the Revised Budget Estimates for 2021-2022 Rs.3,548 crore has been provided for the rural housing scheme.

Funding for the MLA Constituency Development Scheme will be restored to Rs.3 crore per constituency from the current year onwards.

This Government will re-launch the Anna Marumalarchi Thittam with an outlay of Rs.1,200 crore during 2021-2022.

The Namakku Namae Thittam was a highly popular scheme introduced by late Hon'ble Chief Minister Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar. A provision of Rs.100 crore has been made for this programme during 2021-2022.

The Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission will be revamped and implemented at a total cost of Rs.809.79 crore during 2021-2022 to benefit one lakh Self Help Groups (SHG). A bank linked fund flow of Rs.20,000 crore including a special Covid loan will be provided to SHGs in Tamil Nadu during 2021-2022.

The Tamil Nadu Rural Transformation Project will be revitalised and implemented at a total outlay of Rs.212.69 crore during 2021-2022.

Municipal Administration and Water Supply

27 Cities with a population of above one lakh will be fully covered with underground sewerage systems.

Litter free cities will be created by ensuring 100 per cent source segregation and door to door collection.

All unpaved roads in Municipalities and Town Panchayats will be paved. Pedestrian friendly and differently-abled friendly streets will be created in all urban areas.

Those who contribute significantly towards such works in Namakku Naame Thittam will be awarded the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Special Award every year. A provision of Rs.300 crore has been made for this scheme.

Online provision of services to all citizens would be ensured through the Makkal Sevaiyil Managaratchi and Namadhu Sevaiyil Nagaratchi schemes.

An integrated bus stand cum commercial centre will be established in Tiruchirapalli with the financial assistance of TUFIDCO.

To meet the aspirational needs of the people in urban areas while bridging the resource gap,

this Government will launch the Kalaignar Nagarpura Membattu Thittam with an allocation of Rs.1,000 crore in 2021-2022.

In the Budget Estimates for 2021-2022, Rs.2,350 crore has been provided for the Smart Cities Mission and Rs.1,450 crore for AMRUT.

The Integrated Storm Water Drain Network project in the Kosasthalaiyar River Basin assisted by the Asian Development Bank will be implemented and in the Budget Estimates for 2021-2022, a provision of Rs.87 crore has been made.

Singara Chennai 2.0 will be launched with an emphasis on clean and green Chennai.

Chennai will become a City without wall posters.

New flyovers and over bridges will be constructed at 3 places in Chennai city at Ganesapuram subway, at the intersection of Konnur High Road – Strahans Road, and at South Usman Road at an estimated cost of Rs.335 crore.

In the Budget Estimates 2021-2022, Rs.500 crore has been provided for Singara Chennai 2.0.

Underground sewerage systems will be provided to all the added areas of Chennai City at a total cost of Rs.2,056 crore. The scheme to prevent outlflow of sewage into waterways in Chennai will be vigorously implemented at a total cost of Rs.2,371 crore.

A Feasibility Report would be prepared for transmitting Krishna water through pipelines

from Andhra Pradesh to the reservoirs of Chennai.

Chennai City Partnership

The Chennai City Partnership Programme will be launched with assistance from the World Bank and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank shortly.

Urban Wage Employment

This Government will implement a wage employment scheme, on a pilot basis, to provide gainful employment to urban poor by engaging them in the creation and maintenance of public assets like parks, play fields, storm water drains, roads, buildings and rejuvenation of water bodies.

An initial allocation of Rs.100 crore has been made for this programme in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-2022.

Housing and Urban Development

Some of the older legislations in the housing sector including the Tamil Nadu Housing Board Act, 1961, Tamil Nadu Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Act, 1971, Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Act, 1971, and Tamil Nadu Apartment Ownership Act, 1994 be reviewed.

This Government will ensure that the coverage under Master Plans is enhanced to 22%.

New Urban Development Authorities will be formed for Madurai, Coimbatore – Tiruppur Area, and for the fast growing Hosur area.

This Government is committed to ensure Tamil Nadu is made entirely slum free within a period of 10 years.

The total provision for the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-2022 is Rs.3,954.44 crore.

A new Slum Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy will be formulated in consultation with all stakeholders to ensure that slum dwellers are treated fairly and humanely when they are resettled from objectionable wastelands including water courses.

The Second Tamil Nadu Housing Sector Strengthening Project with World Bank assistance will be taken up shortly. The negotiations for the first phase of the Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable Housing for the Urban Poor with Asian Development Bank assistance have been recently concluded.

Highways

This Government will launch the Chief Minister's Road Development Programme under which 2,200 KMs of State Highways that connect District Headquarters will be widened to 4 lane roads and 6,700 KMs of single and intermediate lane roads connecting Taluk Headquarters will be upgraded to double lane highways over the next 10 years. 59 Municipalities which currently do not have bye pass roads will be prioritized for the construction of bye pass roads.

The overall provision for the Highways Department in the Revised Budget Estimates

2021-2022 has been fixed at Rs.17,899.17 crore.

Transport

The Hon'ble Chief Minister had announced that women, persons with disabilities and third gender persons will travel free on town white board buses in the State. In the Revised Budget Estimates for 2021-2022, a sum of Rs.703 crore has been provided as subsidy for this purpose. Rs.750 crore has also been provided as diesel subsidy to insulate against diesel price increases.

Rs.623.59 crore has also been provided under the KfW assistance programme for procurement of 1,000 new buses.

The Government will take measures to ensure that Transport Corporations are cost efficient and meet norm based performance indicators.

Where Government desires free or subsidized ridership, or operation of uneconomical routes explicit subsidy will be paid based on normative cost parameters. This new mechanism will be put in place during the current financial year.

Metro Rail

Services on the Kodambakkam to Poonamallee bye pass section of the Metro Rail Project will be commenced within four years, by June, 2025 and the entire Metro Rail Project Phase II will be completed by December, 2026.

In parallel, this Government will speedily take up the extension of the metro rail project from Airport to Kilambakkam Bus Terminus via Tambaram.

Detailed Feasibility Report for the Metro Rail in Madurai will be prepared.

Energy

Almost 2,500 MW of power has to be bought on the power exchanges to meet peak needs. Thus the statement that Tamil Nadu turned a power surplus State over the last few years is inaccurate.

Under the ADB assisted Chennai Kanniyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) Power Sector Investment Project, a strategic study of TANGEDCO and TANTRANSCO's governance and financial restructuring will be undertaken. The Government will act speedily on the findings of the study to revamp the electricity utilities and to save them from collapse.

A total of 17,980 MW of power generation capacity will be added through own generating stations in the next 10 years.

A total provision of Rs.19,872.77 crore has been made in the Revised Budget Estimates

2021-2022 towards subsidies to free supply of agricultural power, domestic supply and for take over of losses of TANGEDCO.

State Education Policy

This Government will appoint a High Level Committee of educationists and experts to formulate a distinct State Education Policy for Tamil Nadu in keeping with the historical legacy, present situation and future aspirations of the State.

School Education

School Education is accorded the highest importance in this Budget, with an overall allocation of Rs.32,599.54 crore.

This Government is determined to ensure that Tamil Nadu is brought within the first three States in terms of learning outcomes in India.

All teachers will be able to receive technology enabled monitorable and evidence based training through the 40 tablets to be supplied to each of the 413 Blocks at a total cost of Rs.13.22 crore.

The Ennum Ezhuthum Mission to ensure foundational literacy and numeracy will be implemented to ensure that by 2025, all students in Tamil Nadu by age 8 are able to read with comprehension and possess basic arithmetic skills. A provision of Rs.66.70 crore is made for this purpose.

High tech laboratories will be set up in 1,784 Government Middle Schools at a cost of Rs.114.18 crore and smart class rooms will be established in 865 Government High and Higher Secondary Schools at a cost of Rs.20.76 crore.

To ensure that students who study in Government schools are afforded the opportunity to excel in academics, fine arts and sports, a special scheme will be implemented to establish model schools.

The immediate priority of this Government is to minimise the learning losses to students due to the pandemic.

All teachers have been trained in the necessary Covid protocols and will be vaccinated so that Schools can reopen and function at the earliest. A comprehensive plan for remedial education both within and outside the school hours and School premises will be launched to address learning losses.

Higher Education

This year 10 new Government Arts and Science Colleges will be commenced.

To further enhance quality, the Government will enable more institutions to obtain accreditation under the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The large number of vacancies, particularly of teaching staff will be filled on a priority basis.

A Learning Management System integrated with an Enterprise Resource Planning Software will be established for all Higher Education Institutions in Tamil Nadu for which a Detailed Project Report will be prepared.

Smart class rooms will be provided in 25 Government Polytechnic Colleges at a cost of Rs.10 crore. New Hostel buildings will be constructed in four Government Engineering Colleges to reduce over crowding.

The decision to make Raja Muthaiah Medical College as the Government Medical College for Cuddalore District and Annamalai University an affiliating University for Cuddalore, Villupuram, Kallakurichi and Mayiladuthurai Districts will

ease the financial crisis of Annamalai University and better serve the people.

In a unique and pioneering initiative, the Government will establish the Tamil Nadu Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Corporation in partnership with Madras Institute of Technology, Anna University.

A total of Rs.5,369.09 crore has been provided in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-2022 for Higher Education.

Health and Family Welfare

Intensifying the vaccination drive is the highest priority. Against a capacity to vaccinate 8 lakh persons a day, we receive on an average 2.4 lakh vaccines. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has repeatedly taken up the issue of adequate supply of vaccines for the people of Tamil Nadu with the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister had conceptualised and launched the game changing 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' scheme with a total outlay of Rs.257.16 crore.

Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar introduced the widely appreciated 108 Ambulance Services programme from 15.09.2008. The number of 108 ambulances operated will be expanded to 1,303 vehicles and the quality of services further enhanced.

The 'Kalaignar Kaappeettu Thittam' was introduced on 23.07.2009 and continues to be implemented as the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme. The coverage of care and procedures have been expanded by this Government during the COVID pandemic to ensure that the poor had access to the best medical facilities even in private institutions.

Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar had envisioned the establishment of a Tamil Nadu Siddha University and a suitable land was also identified for the purpose. This project had subsequently been shelved. This Government will establish the Tamil Nadu Siddha University to ensure that Siddha occupies its due place alongside other indigenous systems of medicine.

Labour Welfare and Skill Development

An allocation of Rs.215.64 crore has been made in the Revised Budget Estimates for 2021-2022 towards grants to the Unorganised Sector Workers Welfare Boards.

In partnership with Industry, ITIs located near Industrial clusters will be upgraded to

Industry 4.0 standards so that the youth are skilled in advanced manufacturing techniques and can find better employment opportunities. A new ITI will be set up in Neyveli in partnership with NLC.

Skill Development Centres will be established in 15 selected Government ITIs at a cost of Rs.60 crore to take up the Futuristic Employable Skill Training (FEST) initiative through the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation.

Industries

The single window system will be effectively implemented and 100 more services have been brought under the single window portal by July 2021 and a further 110 services by March, 2022.

The Tamil Nadu Business Facilitation Act, 2018 will be amended to enable new Industrial units including MSMEs to establish and operate based on self certification without inspections and obtaining clearances under various State laws for the initial three years.

A new Policy for "Life Sciences – Research and Development and Manufacturing" will be released shortly to enable Tamil Nadu to strengthen its presence in these emerging sectors.

An Industrial data base with more detailed and accurate information about the whole State will be prepared to enable better planning and to support investment decisions by prospective investors.

A Land Bank of 45,000 acres will be created in the next 5 years, with focus on Industrially backward Districts.

An International Furniture Park will be set up at a cost of Rs.1,000 crore on 1,100 acres of land in Thoothukudi District, to attract investment of Rs.4,500 crore and enable employment of 3.5 lakh persons.

Tamil Nadu has a huge potential in Fin Tech and a separate Fin Tech policy will be released shortly. A separate 'FinTech Cell' will be formed in guidance to facilitate the establishment of FinTech companies in Tamil Nadu.

A FinTech city in Chennai will be developed in 2 phases at Nandambakkam and Kavanur. The first phase will be developed at Nandambakkam at an estimated cost of Rs.165 crore.

The establishment of Tidel Park in Chennai in 2000 by Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar fueled the growth of the OMR IT corridor. Tidel

Parks will now be established in Tier II and Tier III towns across Tamil Nadu, and in the first stage at Thoothukudi, Vellore, Tiruppur and at Thiruchitrambalam in Villupuram District.

Although the Union Government announced establishment of Defence Industrial Corridors connecting Hosur, Salem, Tiruchirappalli and Coimbatore, the support of the Union Government has been limited. The State Government will take this project forward with the establishment of a defence component manufacturing park at Coimbatore over 500 acres at a cost of Rs.225 crore. This park is expected to attract investment of Rs.3,500 crore.

New SIPCOT parks will be created in industrially backward Districts such as Thiruvannamalai, Dharmapuri, Tirunelveli, Virudhunagar, Sivagangai, Villupuram, Namakkal, Theni and Nagapattinam.

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

A committee chaired by Dr.N.Sundaradevan, I.A.S. (Retd) has been established to study the financial, infrastructural and other issues faced by MSMEs in Tamil Nadu and suggest measures to enable them to thrive.

This Government will launch a State Level Credit Guarantee Scheme to enable more MSMEs, particularly micro enterprises to access credit. A digital data driven credit rating system for MSMEs will be established to enable FIs and New age fintech companies to lend more to MSMEs based on their business

potential. TAICO Bank will be repurposed to enable lending to MSMEs.

The Government will handhold MSMEs which want to raise equity capital from stock exchanges and the cost of listing, up to Rs.30 lakh will be borne by the Government.

The Government, based on advice received from the Economic Advisory Council to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, will launch an innovative scheme wherein MSMEs and their creditors, will be facilitated to reach agreement on restructuring their liabilities.

To ensure that MSMEs have faster channels for realization of their dues, all State Public Sector Undertakings, Statutory Boards, Municipal Corporations and Apex Co-operatives will be mandated to join the Trade Receivables and Discounting Platform (TReDs).

Five mega clusters in Pharmaceutical, Petro Chemicals, Precision Manufacturing, Defence and Aerospace, and Smart Mobility sectors will be established at a cost of Rs.100 crore each.

TANSIDCO will also establish land banks at five places over a total extent of 265 acres. The pricing policy of unsold plots in TANSIDCO Industrial Parks will be rationalized to ensure they are put to beneficial use early.

Mines and Minerals

This Government will formulate a Sustainable Mining Policy to ensure that mining activity is carried out without affecting the environment and the ecology.

A Green Fund will be created based on the levy of the green seigniorage cess to ensure that abandoned quarry sites are appropriately secured and restored. A Fossil Geological Park will be developed in Ariyalur and Perambalur Districts at a cost of Rs.10 crore

Handloom, Handicraft, Textiles and Khadi

To provide a focus on the textile sector, a separate Directorate of Textiles will be created.

Information Technology

At present, 131 services are being provided to e-sevai centres and 55 services through open portals directly. Progressively over 600 services offered by 29 Departments will be provided electronically.

Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments

Encroachments have been evicted and 187.91 acres of land, 161.70 grounds of vacant plots, 1887.13 sq.ft area of buildings, 15.60 grounds of temple tanks bunds worth Rs.626 crore have been retrieved and restored to the control of temples as on date.

An additional corpus of Rs.130 crore will be created to provide for assistance to perform one time pooja (Oru Kaala Poojai) for 12,959 temples which do not have their own resources.

The ancient healing wisdom of Siddhars will be promoted by establishing a Siddha Medical College by Arulmigu Baladhandayuthapani Swami Temple, Palani.

Master Plans will be developed for 539 temples to conserve their rich heritage and enhance the devotees' experience.

Tourism

Tourism industry is critical for increasing local employment.

The facilities at the Ayyan Thiruvalluvar statue in Kanniyakumari and at Poompuhar will be upgraded and restored to original glory.

Social Welfare

The Marriage Assistance Schemes originally launched by Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar to promote the cause of Women Education and Empowerment will be implemented with renewed vigour with an allocation of Rs.762.23 crore.

Special attention is paid to the welfare of transgender persons. An amount of Rs.1.50 crore has been allocated for the transgender pension scheme, benefiting 1,071 destitute transgender persons.

The Government has taken special efforts to protect children who have lost either both or one parent in the Covid-19 pandemic. So far 5,963 children have been identified and Rs.95.96 crore provided as assistance from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund.

Accordingly, ICDS will be reinvigorated to ensure that early childhood care including early childhood education is provided to the youngest children. A special provision of Rs.48.48 crore has been provided for upgradation of Anganwadi Centres for the year 2021-2022 and Rs.23.33 crore has been allocated for provision of pre-school educational materials.

The procurement process of Eggs and other supplies for the Noon Meal Programme and ICDS have been streamlined and will result in substantial cost savings.

Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare

In the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-2022 Rs.14,696.60 crore is the overall outlay for Special Component Plan and Rs.1,306.02 crore for the Tribal Sub Plan.

The Post Matric Scholarship scheme is the flagship scheme for the educational advancement of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes with a provision of Rs.1,884.70 crore in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-2022. To enhance opportunities for students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to pursue higher education, the scheme for scholarship to study abroad will be revamped.

The scheme for scholarship for Ph.D courses will also be restructured and the scholarship enhanced to Rupees one lakh per annum to benefit more students.

A sum of Rs.123.02 crore has been provided in Revised Budget Estimates 2021-2022 to upgrade infrastructure facilities including additional class room and laboratories with assistance from NABARD RIDF.

The monthly miscellaneous expenditure allowance for hostel students will be doubled to Rs.100 for School students and Rs.150 for College students. This Government will completely overhaul the existing hostels for

School and College students and a special capital allocation for upgradation of hostels of Rs.25 crore has been made.

The overall provision for Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare is enhanced to Rs.4,142.33 crore in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-2022.

Welfare of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities

In view of the continuous efforts of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and by seeking legal remedies in the Hon'ble High Court and Supreme Court, the Union Government has

decided to grant 27% reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the All India Quota for UnderGraduate and PostGraduate medical courses from the current academic year.

Welfare of Differently-abled

To ensure that all the 9,173 eligible persons in the waitlist are immediately provided maintenance allowance of Rs.1,500 per month, the budget for payment of maintenance allowance is being enhanced to Rs.404.64 crore.

The budget provision for aids and appliances has been enhanced to Rs.50.66 crore to ensure that 9,185 persons in the waiting list are provided with the appliances of their choice during 2021-2022.

This Government will introduce a direct subsidy payment mechanism for various types of rehabilitation devices and equipment to offer eligible persons a greater range of choice.

Tamil Nadu will launch the RIGHTS programme with the assistance from the World Bank to cover early detection and prevention of disabilities, greater access to maintenance, rehabilitation and educational services, promotion of skilling and establishment of productive enterprises by Differently-Abled persons and expanding the implementation capacity of the Department of the Differently-abled, with outreach to all parts of the State.

Youth Welfare and Sports Development

Mini stadia at a cost of Rs.3 crore each will be established in all Assembly constituencies of the State where such sporting facilities are not currently available.

A financing mechanism to maintain infrastructure of the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu will be put in place.

Integrated Financial and Human Resources Management System (IFHRMS)

In the next stage, the implementation of IFHRMS will enable a further expansion and upgradation of the Treasury network with pre audit functions and an eventual role as a payments bank for Government of Tamil Nadu and all Local Bodies.

Public Financial Management

The Government will also publish a Citizen's Budget along with the Budget from 2022-2023 onwards in simple and non-technical language to encourage greater Public understanding and informed debate on Government's finances.

Welfare of Government Employees

This Government will implement the commitment made in the Election Manifesto of enhancing the period of maternity leave from 9 months to 12 months for Women Government employees with less than two surviving children with effect from 01.07.2021.

The lumpsum grant from the Family Security Fund paid to the family of a Government employee who dies while in service will be enhanced from Rs.3 lakh to Rs.5 lakh.

Enhanced Dearness Allowance to Government employees and to Pensioners will be paid with effect from 01.04.2022.

Entitlement to a Basic Income

The intention of the Government is to provide this assistance to "Home makers" and there is no need to change the name of the head of the household in ration cards on this account.

Co-operative Loan Waiver

The Government will waive loans to the tune of Rs.2,756 crore due from Self Help Groups to the Co-operative credit Societies.

In the Revised Budget Estimates for 2021-2022 a provision of Rs.600 crore has been made for this purpose.

Petrol Prices

This Government has decided to reduce the effective rate of tax on petrol by Rs.3 per litre and thereby provide major relief to the toiling working class people in the State. This measure will result in a loss of revenue of Rs.1,160 crore a year.

Resources for Financing the Budget

The total revenue receipt estimates from Rs.2,18,991.96 crore in the Interim Budget Estimates to Rs.2,02,495.89 crore in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-2022.

As against the Interim Budget Estimates of Rs.1,35,641.78 crore, the State's Own Tax Revenue estimates in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-2022 are expected to be Rs.1,26,644.15 crore.

Non tax revenue estimated at Rs.14,139.01 crore in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-2022 which are marginally lower than the Interim Budget Estimates 2021-2022, on account of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The overall revenue expenditure is expected to be Rs.2,61,188.57 crore in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-2022.

Given that the economy is still just recovering from the impact of successive waves of the Covid-19 pandemic, the time is not yet ripe for fiscal consolidation. Hence, revenue deficit for the year 2021-2022 is expected to go up from the unrealistic Interim Budget Estimates of Rs.41,417.30 crore to Rs.58,692.68 crore in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-2022. This increase in revenue deficit is on account of the exceptional times that we find ourselves in and does not detract in the least from this Government's commitment to fiscal rectitude and consolidation in the coming years, so emphatically indicated in the White Paper.

The overall capital outlay for the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-2022 has been scaled down to Rs.42,180.97 crore from the Rs.43,170.61 crore provided in the Interim Budget Estimates.

On this basis, the fiscal deficit for the financial year 2021-2022 is estimated to be at Rs.92,529.43 crore in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-2022.

The fiscal deficit for 2021-2022 at 4.33% of GSDP will still be within the overall norms prescribed by the 15th Finance Commission.

As soon as the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic is overcome, deeper reforms will be undertaken to ensure that Tamil Nadu's debt overhang is corrected without any delay.

The most critical reform that we need to undertake is to increase the tax GSDP ratio of Tamil Nadu. The most significant finding in the White Paper is the deterioration of the tax GSDP ratio of Tamil Nadu by 3.02 per cent from 8.48 per cent in 2006-2007 to just 5.46 per cent in 2020-2021. In current GSDP terms, this represents loss of about Rs.65,000 crore worth of revenue per annum.

Through improved administration and plugging of leakages, revenue collections can be substantially stepped up.

Targeted actions would be taken against tax evasion based on advanced data analytics. The total number of roving squads will be increased to 100 and equipped with vehicles and RFID reading devices to prevent movement of vehicles without bills. Stringent action including criminal action will be taken against Tax evaders, especially bill traders, whose activities under cut compliant businesses.

An effective Samadhan Scheme will be launched to clear the pending dues of Rs.28,000 crore under Tamil Nadu Value Added Tax and other legacy legislations.

To provide relief to genuine property owners who are victims of fraud and fake registration of document, the Registration Act, 1908 will be amended to empower the Inspector General of Registration to cancel such registration. Criminal action will also be pursued in such cases.

A High Level Committee will be constituted to study the on-ground situation and make recommendations on the mechanism of fixation of guideline value. Online registration of documents like Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deeds and Rental Agreements will be enabled. Currently Encumbrance Certificates registered from 01.01.1975 can be viewed online. This facility will be extended to documents registered after 01.01.1950, and as more records are digitised and indexed, the facility will be enabled for older documents.

First ever separate Agriculture budget in the history of Tamil Nadu

Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Thiru. M.R.K.Panneerselvam presented the Agriculture Budget for the year 2021-2022 to the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 13.08.2021 *(English Translation)*.

Highlights

The first-ever, separate agriculture budget in Tamil Nadu was tabled for the year 2021-2022 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 14.08.2021 by the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Thiru. M.R.K. Panneerselvam. The highlights of schemes and policies of the Budget are as follows:

The Budget allocation for agriculture and connected sectors for the year 2021-2022 is Rs. 34,220.65 crore. Through this allocation, the benefits that will accrue out of the schemes implemented by various Departments will be integrated for the comprehensive growth of villages. The allocation will cover farm-related Departments of Agriculture, Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Agriculture Engineering, Agriculture Marketing, Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Departments of Sugar, Seed Certification and Organic Certification, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Co-operation, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, Rural Development and Local Administration, Forest, Water Resources and Dairy Development.

Introduction of 'Kalaignarin Anaithu Grama Orunginaintha Velaan Valarchi Thittam' (Kalaignar's Integrated Rural Agriculture Development Scheme) in all villages in a span

of 5 years. In the current year, the scheme will be implemented in 2,500 villages; water resources will be created and cultivation area will be increased for improving farmers' income; cost of implementation Rs.1,245.45 crore – Rs.250 crore from the State fund and Rs.995.45 crore by co-ordinating the Union and State Government schemes.

For the welfare of paddy growers, paddy procurement price has been increased to Rs.2,015 per quintal for ordinary variety and to Rs.2,060 per quintal for fine variety; additional expenditure Rs.99.38 crore. Totally, Rs.319.38 crore allocation.

Allocation of Rs.119.40 crore for increasing the income of small and marginal farmers and for setting up integrated and collective farming to help them get employment opportunities round the year by taking up other avocations.

Allocation of Rs.4,508.23 crore to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board for supply of free electricity to farmer pump sets.

An allotment of Rs.2, 327 crore towards State Government's share of the insurance premium subsidy for farmers under the crop insurance scheme.

An allotment of Rs.95 crore for the distribution of one lakh terrace garden kits and vegetable crop seeds under the Chief Minister Nutritive Vegetable Garden scheme.

Rs.982.48 crore allocation for implementation of drip and sprinkler irrigation scheme in 1,50,000 hectares with cent per cent subsidy for small and marginal farmers and 75 per cent subsidy for other farmers.

Rs.146.64 crore allocation for development of 7.5 lakh acres under the Chief Minister's Mission on Sustainable Dryland Agriculture through clustering method in the current year, to benefit 3 lakh farmers.

Mechanization of agriculture at a subsidy of Rs.140 crore.

Under the Chief Minister's Scheme of Solar Powered Pumpset, Rs.114.68 crore allotment towards 70 per cent subsidy to benefit 5,000 farmers.

To strengthen agriculture research and education in Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Rs.573.24 crore.

To undertake research on organic farming in various crops, a research centre in the name of organic farming scientist Nammazhvar will be created by expanding the existing Faculty of Sustainable Organic Agriculture, functioning under the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore. Rs. 3 crore will be allocated initially.

The Organic Farming Development Scheme will be implemented at a cost of Rs.33.03 crore for providing healthy food to people through protection of soil fertility.

'Nel Jayaraman Traditional Paddy Varieties Conservation Mission' for collecting, safeguarding, multiplying and distributing seeds of traditional paddy varieties to farmers.

A Rs.7.68 crore scheme will be implemented to encourage agriculture graduates and other youth to engage in agricultural works; skill development training will also be provided.

A Rs. 3 crore Palmyra Development Scheme for improving the livelihood of farmers depending on that tree and to encourage palmyra tree-centric industries. Unchecked palm tree felling will be regulated.

To increase the cultivation area of crops like paddy, millets, pulses, oil seeds, coconut, cotton and fruits and increase their production, an allotment of Rs.300.56 crore.

In the interest of sugarcane growers, Rs.178.83 crore has been set apart for providing a production incentive of Rs.42.50 per metric ton; Rs. 178.83 crore for providing an additional 'special incentive' of Rs.150 per metric ton. Rs. 2 crore fund for the special scheme for sugarcane production.

A museum for traditional agriculture in Chennai so as to educate the youth about the greatness of agriculture.

An allotment of Rs.15 crore for distribution of 'Kit of Agricultural implements' consisting of spade, weeder, iron pot, crowbar and crop-cutting sickle to 50,000 farmers.

A State-level award for the best farmer in organic agriculture, exporting agricultural produce and local innovations in agriculture.

A high-level committee at State-level, headed by the Chief Secretary to Government to examine and resolve periodically important problems connected with agriculture.

An allotment of Rs.2.18 crore for distribution of two lakh nutrition kits comprising herbal plants like lemon, drumstick (murungai), curry leaves, 'karpooravalli', 'thippili', aloevera and mint so as to improve immunity in the population.

Rs.12.50 crore to pay special attention to horticulture crops in the Districts of Thiruvallur, Cuddalore, Namakkal and Tenkasi.

A special centre in Cuddalore District for jack fruit.

Rs. One crore for setting up a new Government Horticulture Park at Vadalur in Cuddalore District.

Procurement of modern agriculture machineries at a cost of Rs.23.29 crore for strengthening the scheme to distribute the machineries on a low rent.

To set up 500 field ponds by conserving rain water for increasing crop production, an allotment of Rs. 5 crore.

An allotment of Rs. One crore for providing subsidy towards purchase of new electric motor pump set by small farmers holding land up to 3 acres; the subsidy is Rs.10,000 to be given to 1,000 farmers.

To renovate the existing 50 'Uzhavar Sandhaigal' Rs.12.50 crore; to create 10 new ones, Rs. 6 crore allotment.

An uniform assurance notification for 40 types of agricultural produce, on the lines of that announced in the year 2007-2008.

Rs. 10 crore for creating storage and transaction facilities in the District regulated markets of Erode, Tiruvannamalai, Tiruvarur, Vellore, Villupuram, Thanjavur, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam and Kallakurichi.

Cold storage facilities at Oddanchatram and Panruti at a cost of Rs.10 crore.

Rs. 50 lakh for setting up a processing centre with transaction and drying yard facilities for processing and storing pepper produced by tribal farmers in Kollimalai region, Namakkal District.

An integrated 'Grama Velaan Sandhai Valagam' at Edappally village, in the Nilgiris District at a cost of Rs.2 crore.

Twenty eight drying yards in the regulated markets in the Districts of Cuddalore, Villupuram, Salem, Namakkal, Krishnagiri,

Erode, Tiruchi, Thanjavur, Pudukottai, Madurai, Ramanathapuram, Theni, Dindigul, Tiruppur and Kanniyakumari at a cost of Rs.3.5 crore.

An Agricultural Export Facilitation Centre at a cost of Rs. One crore at Guindy, Chennai for providing co-ordinated information on exports, market opportunities, requirements for getting quality certification etc.

(a) To encourage exporters registering for the first time, 50 per cent subsidy on testing charges for getting APEDA (Agricultural Processed Food Export Development Authority) quality certification.

Rs. 5 crore allotment for raising structures for a godown, transaction hall, office building with a conference hall and an electronic weighing platform at Thalavadi Regulated Market, Erode District.

The region comprising the Districts of Theni, Dindigul, Karur, Thoothukudi, Ariyalur, Tiruppur and Madurai where drumstick (Murungai) is grown on a large scale, is declared as the ‘Drumstick (Murungai) export zone’.

An allotment of Rs. One crore for setting up a special export service centre for drumstick at Madurai and providing structural facilities like driers, pulverizers and automatic packing machine for production of value added commodities.

Rs. 1 crore for a modern marketing centre in Kolathur area in Greater Chennai Corporation for agriculture produce and value-added products.

Rs. 10 crore for internet and special software facilities for farmers to get fair price for their produce through electronic auction.

Government to move to get GI tag for Kollimalai pepper, Panruti jack fruit and Mannachanallur Ponni rice.

A separate organization for paying exclusive attention to food processing and improving its methods.

Steps for starting five food processing incubation centres - at Nagapattinam for processing fish, Coimbatore for coconut, Tiruchi for plantain, Erode for turmeric and at Virudhunagar for millets.

Rs. 2 crore for setting up a research centre for turmeric crop at Bhavanisagar, Erode District.

For starting a new Horticulture College at Krishnagiri, Rs.10 crore allotted in the first phase.

Introduction of Tamil medium for agriculture and horticulture education for the convenience of Tamil medium students.

Strengthening Agri incubation centres and starting such centres in required places for attracting industrial entrepreneurs to agriculture.

Notifying the area between Tiruchi and Nagapattinam Districts as Agro Industrial Corridor for enriching the lives of Cauvery delta farmers and farm labour.

Thiyagigal Dhinam 17.07.2021

Floral Tribute to Thiyagis

Hon'ble Minister for Information and Publicity Thiru. M.P. Saminathan and Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare Tmt. N. Kayalvizhi Selvaraj, paid floral tribute to the portraits of Thiyagis Sankaralinganar, Arya (a) Bhashiyam and Shenbagaraman in the Vellakoil Municipality complex and paid their respects.

News in Pictures

Hon'ble Minister for Medical and Family Welfare Thiru. Ma. Subramanian paid floral tributes to the portraits of Thiyagis Shenbagaraman, Arya (a) Bhashiyam and Sankaralinganar at the Gandhi Mandapam complex, Chennai and paid his respects.

‘Chief Minister in Your Constituency’ Department redresses grievances

- The promise made to the people of Tamil Nadu by the Hon’ble Chief Minister during his Election campaign was kept by creating the ‘Ungal Thogudhiyil Mudhalamaichar’ Department on 07.05.2021, to redress the grievances of the public.
- The Hon’ble Chief Minister handed over the keys of the boxes containing the petitions received from the people to the Special Officer of the UTM Department on 08.05.2021.
- The 4.57 lakh petitions received were uploaded electronically so that not a single card or letter gets missed.
- As soon as the petitions were entered into the Chief Minister helpline portal developed by Tamil Nadu e-governance, a SMS was generated and sent to the petitioner’s phone number with an acknowledgement number.
- The performance of the ‘Ungal Thogudhiyil Mudhalamaichar’ Department is being monitored directly by the Hon’ble Chief Minister.
- As early as the 10th day of creation of the Department, petitions entered online started getting redressed at the field level. Petitions

pertaining to Pensions under Social Security Schemes, Land Records (Patta), Certificates and Licenses, benefits under Social Welfare Department, basic amenities and Village infrastructure were promptly acted upon. On 18.05.2021, which is the 10th day of handing over petitions to the Department, the first round of benefits was distributed to the petitioners by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

- ✶ Around 549 sanction orders/ benefits were handed over to the petitioners redressing their long-pending grievances. Thereafter every fortnight, functions are being held to distribute benefits/ sanction orders to the petitioners.

- ✶ Around 4.57 lakh petitions were processed through this Department in a span of 100 days which is equal to two years average disposal of the CM cell in its usual course. Around 2.29 grievances were redressed successfully, after due verification.
- ✶ Appeal provision is provided to the petitioners whose request could not be accepted due to ineligibility.
- ✶ Several initiatives have been taken up by the District administration in tracing the petitioner and finding means of redressing their grievances.

Till now,

- ➢ Patta for 32,283 persons.
- ➢ Pension for 30,455 persons.
- ➢ 19,664 orders for Village infrastructure works.
- ➢ 36,141 requests for houses accepted and sanction orders issued.

Hon'ble Chief Minister launches doorstep health care scheme at Shoolagiri, drive to vaccinate one lakh Industrial workers

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** inaugurated the schemes for 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' and 'Corona vaccination for one lakh workers', at Shoolagiri in Krishnagiri District on 05.08.2021.

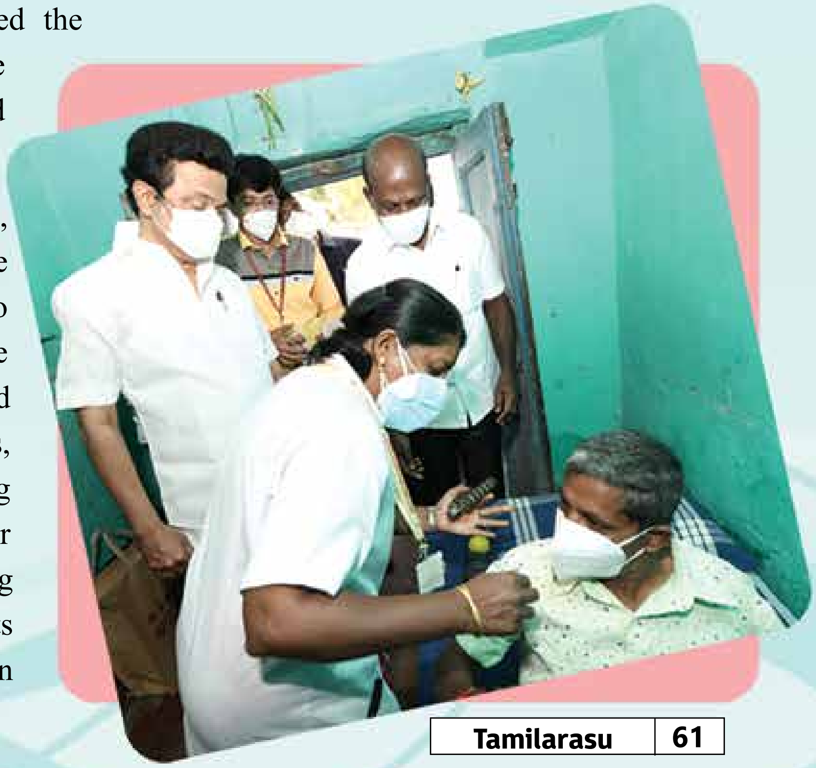
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin inaugurated the scheme 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' at Samanapalli Village, Shoolagiri Union, Krishnagiri District on 05.08.2021. The scheme aims at conducting tests for

non-communicable diseases by visiting the house directly, offering medical services inclusive of giving required medicines, physiotherapy treatment, pain relief for disabled patients and supportive services. The scheme translates into action, Hon'ble Chief Minister's intent of providing essential health care services at the houses of non-communicable disease patients by way of taking over their treatment by the state itself.

As a mark of the inauguration of the scheme, Hon'ble Chief Minister visited the houses of two beneficiaries, looked at the medical services offered and distributed medicines.

Besides meeting, through this scheme, all the health care needs of a family like distributing BP/Diabetes medicines to the listed patients aged 45 and above in their house itself through field workers, offering supportive services, physiotherapy services, maintaining diabetes patients, recommendation for essential medical services, identifying and informing any congenital defects in children, arrangements have been made for continuous monitoring also. Another important aspect of this scheme is to register every patient in the community welfare register and categorize the patients after continuous supervision.

Women health volunteers trained at the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women, intermediate health care givers, physiotherapists and caregiver nurses will participate in this scheme. Field workers of the Department of Health will monitor the activities



of this team and guide them. Specially designed vehicles will be stationed in every Taluk for the service of the beneficiaries.

In the first phase, it is proposed to cover about one crore people belonging to 30 lakh families through this scheme. By this, the scheme will pave the way for achieving the great target of 'welfare for all' at the State level by the end of the year.

The scheme was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in 7 more Districts –Madurai, Coimbatore, Salem, Thanjavur, Tiruchi, Tirunelveli and Chennai, simultaneously with the inauguration at Shoolagiri, through video conferencing.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also flagged off the services of three vehicles for the use of nurses and physiotherapists for treating patients under this scheme.

In continuation of this, he presented artificial legs worth Rs.4 lakh to 2 persons, medical appliances to a person for dialysis implant and a '108' emergency ambulance vehicle to benefit the hill residents in Bettamugilalam area within the limits of Unichetty Primary Health Centre in Kelamangalam Panchayat Union. He also inaugurated the scheme for fast track testing for 'HBs Ag' jaundice disease in pregnant women.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated a Corona vaccination drive for one lakh workers in 13 industries in Krishnagiri District through Private Hospitals with the Corporate Social Responsibility Fund. The workers are from the industries Caterpillar India, Tata, Ola, Byvili, Minda, Luminous Power Technologies, TVS, Cheyyar Cheese, Mylan, Exide, First Steps Baby Wear, Neel Kamal and Chepler.

Hon’ble Chief Minister enthuses captains of industry to make State ‘the first destination of investors’

Speech of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** while presiding over the ‘Investors First Destination-Tamil Nadu’ function organized by the Department of Industries on 20.07.2021*(English Translation)*.

Hon’ble Minister for Industries Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu, Chief Secretary to Government, ASSOCHAM Chairman, CEO of the Indian unit of Daimler Company Thiru. Karl-Alexander Seidel, CII President Thiru. C.K. Ranganathan, TCS’s Principal Executive Officer Thiru. N. Ganapathi Subramaniam, Principal Secretary, Industries Department Thiru. N. Muruganandam, Consulate officers, experienced Industry Captains, Senior officers of the Tamil Nadu Government, Newspaper and Media friends, I humbly greet you all.

In the last Assembly Election, the alliance led by the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam scored a huge victory. All of you know the implementation of many schemes undertaken by the D.M.K. Government within two months of the formation of its Government. This meeting shared by Multi-National premier industries is one such in that line. I am proud to participate in this meeting. I thank you all for honouring the invitation of the Government of Tamil Nadu and coming here.

I am proud and happy to participate in this great function ‘Investors First Destination - Tamil Nadu’ organized by the Industries Department. Tamil Nadu has been the first name in culture. We are now taking action to make Tamil Nadu the first destination of investors.

It was a very sad Corona period when we assumed the responsibility of governance. Due to the bold and quick actions of Tamil Nadu Government, we triumphed over Corona. It has been controlled in Tamil Nadu. We have made the State so strong that it can surmount any challenge.

During Corona's virulence, we faced not only a medical crisis but also finance one. I appealed then on behalf of the Government for liberal donations to the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund. Responding to that, Rs. 489.78 crore came into the coffers, exhibiting people's great confidence in the Government. On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu and on my own behalf, I thank the Industrialists, the owners of industries and their Senior Executives, for the donations.

I congratulate you for considering your work not merely as business but also as a service. The fact that Tamil Nadu Industrialists have such an outlook, raises my hopes further. Tamil Nadu is certainly going to be the first destination of investors.

The Government of Tamil Nadu is inviting new companies to start Industries in the State, but **I appeal to Tamil Nadu industrialists through this meet to go beyond that and to extend a similar invitation themselves, to their peers.**

Even when the Corona pandemic was threatening the whole World, Tamil Nadu has been attracting considerable investments. Ayyan Valluvar has said perseverance will bring its rewards. I see it as a successful culmination of the tireless efforts of the Government of Tamil Nadu. I assure you that our Government's capability to face challenges will continue to remain steady and strong.

Though the manufacturing sector has been very badly affected globally, Tamil Nadu's economy has revived and started to move ahead.

When I was Industries Minister during Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar's rule, globally acknowledged and very big industries like Daimler, Renault Nissan, Samsung, Caterpillar, Toshiba and Michelin (Tyres) invested in Tamil Nadu. At that time Tamil Nadu was the best State in the whole of India for in attracting investments.

Now our Government's aim is to improve Tamil Nadu by making it the most congenial State for industrial enterprises in the whole of South Asia.

Yet another aim of our Government is to raise Tamil Nadu's GDP to one lakh dollars (American) by 2030. I seek all of your co-operation to journey towards that goal.

I am determined to considerably simplify the running of industries and create a suitable climate for them. Today, I have inaugurated an **upgraded single window portal 2.0 to facilitate investors to implement their plans speedily and easily by getting all the clearances for starting industries immediately.**

This portal will encompass 100 services of 24 Departments to help not only the existing investors but new ones also.

Your applications will be examined through the internet; they will be forwarded to the Departments concerned; meetings will be conducted through video conferencing; with the help of Artificial Intelligence (AI) immediate discussions will be held with customers – all these facilities will be available to you through this single window portal 2.0. We have planned to include 210 more services by next March.

All this means that your idea of starting an industry in Tamil Nadu will get translated into action with your planning. We have created such an environment. The saying is, 'Knock and it shall open'. **I give my assurance, even without knocking, the Tamil Nadu Government's doors will open for you.**

This single door portal has to be made an efficient tool, it should not be there just in name and not just on paper. I will monitor its performance personally. Our first target is to attract new investments on a large scale. For that we have planned to create global standard infrastructure. It has been planned and to be implemented within a year through SIPCOT, the setting up of a 10 MLD Tertiary Treatment and Reverse Osmosis Plant (TTRO Plant) at Kelavarapalli, near Hosur, Krishnagiri District. When it comes into operation, Industries in Hosur will get plenty of water without interruption.

Preparatory works are on to provide residential facilities to workers near the places of their work in the highly industrialized Vallam Vadagal, Krishnagiri and Tiruppur areas. I have directed the creation of a Rs.500 crore industrial ecosystem fund. Through this, it is possible to undertake the setting up of Industrial Parks, Infrastructure Facilities required for Industries, Innovation centres, Research and development activities, Common facilities etc. In the first phase, Rs.95.84 crore has been allotted for this.

In Tamil Nadu, production continues to revolve around automobile, textile, leather products and of a general variety. In this situation, importance will also be given to developing sectors like electric vehicles, solar electricity, wind power, information technology, data centres and electronic hardware.

Industry 4.0, the fourth industrial revolution, is a rare opportunity for our State. As the State abounds in micro, small and middle-level industries, it is imperative for us, compelled by time, to undertake many special works like skill development of workers and value-addition for global supply chains by using many precision technologies like I.O.T and 3D printing.

Even now, the General Electric company has signed an MoU with TIDCO for setting up a Centre of Excellence. Through this a technology will be evolved for manufacture of upgraded appliances for aircraft machines.

This Government has planned to release many policies concerning export, pharmaceutical industries and biotechnology and incentivizing research and development institutions.

The Government of Tamil Nadu is taking many efforts like creating an industrial database encompassing all the industries, an export cell in Tamil Nadu Guidance Bureau exclusively to deal with exports and strengthening industrial relations with organizations of Tamils overseas. This will greatly benefit industries in Tamil Nadu.

When I was Industries Minister in Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar's Government, I declared open the Cheyyar SEZ company's industry in Tiruvannamalai District. More than 32,000 persons are working there now. Most of them are women. Nothing gives me more joy than this. I am extremely happy that this company has signed an MoU today for starting an industry at Tindivanam in Villupuram District capable of providing job opportunities to 6,000 persons.

49 projects with Rs.28,508 crore investment, job opportunities for 83,482

To encourage medical oxygen production in the State, the Government of Tamil Nadu has provided a good incentive package. As a result of this, the INOX company has come forward to set up an industry with a production capacity of 200 metric tonnes of liquid oxygen at Hosur, Krishnagiri District. I am proud and happy that the foundation has been laid today for this project.

- Today, 35 companies have signed memoranda of understanding with the Government of Tamil Nadu for starting new industries. Through this, an investment of Rs. 17,141 crore has been made; 55,054 persons will get jobs.
- Foundation has been laid for 9 projects; investment is Rs.4,250 crore; employment opportunities for 21,630 persons.
- Commercial production has been inaugurated in 5 projects; expected investment Rs. 7,117 crore; job opportunities for 6,798 persons.

To sum up, through the 49 projects confirmed today, an investment of Rs.28,508 crore has been made providing job opportunities for 83,482 persons. These investments pertain to various fields like motor car spare parts, Industrial parks, Information technology/Information technology enterprise support services, Textiles and Pharmaceuticals. These projects are to be located in different parts of Tamil Nadu and in many Districts like Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Dindigul, Virudhunagar, Madurai, Pudukkottai, Karur, Erode, Coimbatore, Salem, Tiruppur, Krishnagiri, Ranipet, Tiruvallur, Chengalpattu, Cuddalore, Villupuram and Tiruvannamalai. This diverse distribution of the location of the Industries will not only ensure the development of the various Districts but also help the younger generation get employment near their places of residence. These 49 companies have laid the basis for greater and greater development of human resources in Tamil Nadu.

My Government aims at the uniform development of higher education for all, social uplift and Industrial development simultaneously. Uniform development means all the three should develop together. They cannot develop separately. For the development of one, another should be in a position to help. **I request the industries in Tamil Nadu to give their full co-operation for such a development.**

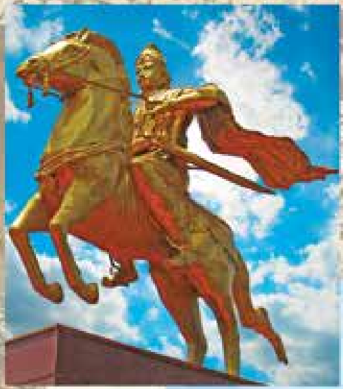
Invest more and through your investments ensure more employment opportunities to

Honble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** felicitated Selvan S.S Madhav for his invention of mini CPU

the youth of Tamil Nadu. I request through this meeting, not only Industrialists in Tamil Nadu but Industries beyond the borders of Tamil Nadu, to contribute your share in the development of Tamil society.

I wholeheartedly congratulate Tamil Nadu's Industries Minister, Principal Secretary of the Industries Department and all officers who are working resolutely and efficiently to transform the State in a planned manner into the first destination of investors. I don't have any doubt that you will earn the name that yours is the golden period of Tamil Nadu's industrial sector. Stating that this Government is ready to make all arrangements with an open mind to create such an environment, I take leave of you, thanking the owners of the participating 49 companies, organizers and high officers.

Nandri! Vanakkam! ■



Government honour to Rajendra Chola

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin directed the celebration of Adi Thiruvathirai, the Birth Anniversary of Emperor Rajendra Chola to be conducted by the Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments Department as a Government event. On account of the prevalence of Corona infection in the current year, this festival will be conducted as a Government festival from next year.

Handsome tributes paid to Dr.M.S.Swaminathan

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates world conference on food and nutrition security

Address of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin** at the International conference on 'Ensuring Food and Nutrition Security in the context of Climate Change and the COVID-19 Pandemic', organized at the M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), in connection with its 32nd Anniversary *(English Translation)*.

Welcome to all of you,

Respected Scientist M.S. Swaminathan, Chairman of the Foundation, who is presiding over the conference, Hon'ble Minister for Medical and Family Welfare, Thiru. Ma.Subramanian, Respected Veteran of the Press and my dear friend, Thiru. N.Ram, Dr. Madhura Swaminathan, in charge of the Foundation, Dr.K.S.Murali, Dr.Soumya Swaminathan, Chief Scientist, World Health Organization, Dr.Rengalakshmi and distinguished elders and guests, who have assembled here for the conference, Thiru. Gernot Legenda and Dr. Jacqueline d'Arros Hughes, who are going to address the conference later

in the day. I extend my respects and thanks to you all.

I consider it a privilege to participate and address the conference. I feel it an honour to receive the invitation for attending the International Conference from the world renowned Agriculture Scientist, Dr. M.S.Swaminathan. I extend, on my own behalf and on behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu, my Birthday greetings to Dr.Swaminathan, who is completing 95 years tomorrow. Only 4 years are left for Dr.Swaminathan to celebrate his hundredth birthday. I am sure that I will also attend the Centenary Birthday Celebrations of Dr.Swaminathan and greet him. All of Tamil Nadu will greet you. People like you are the pride of Tamil Nadu.

I would like to remind you here that the D.M.K. Government has always respected the knowledge, talent and thought of Dr. M.S.Swaminathan. In 1989, the then Union Minister Murasoli Maran along with Thiru.N.Ram brought Dr. M.S.Swaminathan to meet the then Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Dr.Kalaignar. During the meeting, Dr.Swaminathan appealed to Dr.Kalaignar to allot land in Chennai for starting a research Institute. Dr.Kalaignar, without any hesitation, assured Dr.Swaminathan that land would be allotted and handed over the present MSSRF site to Dr.Swaminathan. On this land, the research institute is celebrating its 32nd Anniversary. **Dr.Kalaignar, with the foresight that helping Dr.Swaminathan would benefit the Nation and its people, allotted the land and helped in the formation of the Institute.**

During the financial Year 1989-1990 and 1996-2000, Dr. M.S.Swaminathan was made a member of the Tamil Nadu Planning Commission by the then Hon'ble Chief Minister, Dr.Kalaignar and based on his recommendations, Dr.Kalaignar implemented various schemes. Dr.Kalaignar graced many functions organized in the Institute premises. **Dr.Kalaignar, who participated in Dr.Swaminathan's 85th Birthday Celebrations here greeted him saying that he should live for a 100 years. His words are coming true and Dr.Swaminathan is nearing his Centenary Birthday Celebrations.** Following in the footsteps of Dr.Kalaignar, I am also participating in this function.

As he is not only an agricultural scientist but also a Tamil agricultural scientist, Dr. M.S.Swaminathan has formed Kurinji, Mullai, Marudham, Neithal and Palai in his Institute. When the Kazhagam Government organized the World Classical Tamil Conference in Coimbatore, as per the suggestion of Dr. M.S.Swaminathan, we set up five parks in the traditional manner in 5 cities in Tamil Nadu. The D.M.K. Government always recognizes Tamil culture and the Tamil land.

The present State Government is to submit its Annual Budget on 13th of this month. The next day, for the first time in the history of the State, a separate Budget for Agriculture is to be submitted. Agriculture is the life and body of the Nation. The present Government is giving special attention to Agriculture.

We are going to give importance to

Separate Budget for Agriculture;

Special focus on organic agriculture;

Revitalization of Farmers' markets;

Steps to form Village Shandies;

A new law to regulate use of Groundwater;

And Chennai Metro Flood Management committee to prevent flooding of Greater Chennai.

To top it all, only this Government has a separate Minister for Irrigation to protect water resources. We have changed the name of Agriculture Minister as Agriculture - Farmers Welfare Minister and Environment Minister as Environment and Climate Change Minister. These changes show how far this Government is giving importance to Agriculture and farmers' interests.

The Government of Tamil Nadu is governing the State with a full understand of the Tamil doctrine stated in, "Varappu Uyara Neer Uyarum; Neer Uyara Nel Uyarum; Nel Uyara Kudi Uyarum and Kudi Uyara Koan Uyarvaan" (When the bund is raised, water level rises making successively for the rise of grain production, people's well-being, Government's prosperity and the king's prestige). Eradication of hunger and food security are the basic goals of this organization. According to Saint Thiruvalluvar, an ideal Country is one that is free from hunger, irremediable epidemics, and destructive forces. I congratulate the Staff of this organization as they have dedicated themselves to the removal of hunger.

For the past 75 years, Dr.Swaminathan has been dedicating his thoughts to implementing these schemes. He has been associated with higher educational institutions and with his guidance, 86 students have completed their Doctorate degrees. I am also happy to know that he developed a scientific temper among Corporation school students. More specifically, he has developed a touch and smell garden for visually impaired students.

Today Climate Change is posing a great challenge. Dr.Swaminathan is a person who sensed the problem well in advance and talked about the challenge in the All-India Scientific Conference in1969 itself. Again, in 1989, at the Tokyo Conference, he warned that the sea level would rise abnormally due to increase in world temperature.

The impact of climate change is being felt increasingly day by day. Some northern States have been facing hot winds many times. It is said that the wet bulb temperature has set in some parts of the world. This may result in the body losing its ability to cool itself and may create a very bad impact, according to researchers. Tamil Nadu considers climate change as a major issue and will take the necessary measures after going into the problem. I appeal to environmentalists to give their suggestions, the Government will consider them with an open mind.

The State Government is firm on attaining self-sufficiency in food production and on increasing the area under agriculture. We should make agriculture profitable. For this we have to introduce modern technologies in agriculture. At the same time, the farmers should get fair prices for their produce, as our Dr.Swaminathan figured it out for the Union Government. Food security includes the security of farmers. Your thinking should be that if you want to save the earth, you should protect those who protect the earth.

This conference should become an International meet that benefits the Nation and its people. Let the activities of the organization save the earth and its people. Respected Dr.Swaminathan should serve the Nation, agriculture and environment. I once again thank the organization for giving me the opportunity to participate in the International meet.

Nandri, Vanakkam.

News in Pictures

Tokyo Olympic participants met the Hon'ble Chief Minister

Selvi Bhavani Devi of Tamil Nadu, participant in the Tokyo Olympic competition (Fencing) met the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** at the Secretariat on 04.08.2021.

Sportspersons Thiru. Varun A. Thakkar, Thiru. K.C. Ganapathy and Selvi Nethra Kumanan of Tamil Nadu, participants in the Olympic competitions (Sailing) held in Japan, met the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** at the Secretariat on 09.08.2021.

Extension of restrictions for two more weeks for prevention of COVID-19 infections

Hon’ble Chief Minister’s announcement on 21.08.2021

- ❖ All shops can function till 10 p.m. from 23.08.2021.
- ❖ IT companies can function with 100 per cent staff.
- ❖ Public transport, permitted to operate to Andhra and Karnataka.
- ❖ Swimming pools, permitted to function with 50 per cent trainers for sports training alone.
- ❖ Classes 9,10,11 and 12 will function in Schools from September 1 on rotational basis subject to observance of the standard operating procedures.
- ❖ All Colleges to be permitted to conduct classes on a rotational basis from 01.09.2021.
- ❖ Cinema theatres permitted to screen films from 23.08.2021 with 50 per cent occupancy.
- ❖ Zoological and Botanical Gardens, Boat houses can function adhering to the guidelines.

News in Picture

White paper on the financial state of the Government of Tamil Nadu

Hon’ble Minister for Finance and Human Resources Management Thiru. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, released a White Paper at the Secretariat on 09.08.2021 for people to know the true state of the Tamil Nadu Government’s finances.

‘Hike OBC quota to 50 per cent in Union Government jobs, education’

Statement of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin-**29.07.2021 *(English Translation).*

The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam has been insisting on increasing the allotment to 50 per cent for OBCs in employment and educational institutions of the Union Government. Even 25 years after the recommendations of the Mandal Commission came into force, it had not been implemented fully. At this stage, the announcement of the Union Government today is a consolation which can be considered as a significant move towards social justice.

The Union Government’s decision to provide 27 per cent reservation for OBCs in All-India quota, out of the 15 per cent seats given by the States to all-India quota for Medical Courses and Under Graduate Dental Courses and 50 per cent in Post Graduate medical courses, is a victory for Tamil Nadu, especially for the struggle for the D.M.K.’s social justice movement.

The D.M.K. has been demanding in both the Houses of Parliament and also the Hon’ble Chief Minister personally insisted upon the demand during his meeting with the Hon’ble Prime Minister after assuming office as Chief Minister.

It was in a case filed by the DMK in the Madras High Court on 27.07.2020, that the Court gave a historic judgment stating that the OBC students had a right to demand for reservation in the All-India quota seats in medical education.

Due to non-implementation of this allotment for OBCs for the past several years, about 10,000 students belonging to Backward Classes have lost their right to study the Medical Courses and the students from Tamil Nadu are the worst affected. The present announcement of the Union Government will earmark 1,500 seats in M.B.B.S and 2,500 Post Graduate medical seats for OBCs under the All-India quota. During the current 2021-2022 academic year itself, about 4,000 OBC students will be benefited and this is due to prolonged struggle for social justice, fought legally by the D.M.K., which is a great achievement of the party.

This is the first victory for the D.M.K. immediately after coming to power in the State and this has ensured 27 per cent allotment in the All-India quota of medical seats for OBC students. However, the party will continue to fight for 50 per cent reservation for OBC students out of 69 per cent reservation. The Government, led by the D.M.K., will continue its fight till social justice is fully achieved.

The present Government will continue to fight for social justice as it is people’s justice.

'Potri' hymns for 12 deities released

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on 03.08.2021 at Arulmigu Kapaleeswarar Temple, released signage containing details of Archakas who perform archanai in Tamil. In the first phase, the details of archakas of 47 senior grade temples under the control of HR & CE Department were released and archanai is now being performed in Tamil. Through this, the long-pending demand of Tamil enthusiasts for worship of deities in Tamil has been fulfilled.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin** released booklets for the use at temples for archanai in Tamil - 12.08.2021.

Following this, to fulfil the desire of Tamils the performance of Tamil archanai and other rituals in Tamil, booklets containing 'potri' hymns for 12 deities were released by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin on 12.08.2021.

Hon'ble Chief Minister pays moving tributes to Indian soldiers on Golden Jubilee of 1971

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru M. K. Stalin** at the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Indo-Pak war, held at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai on 30.07.2021 *(English Translation).*

I convey my respects to all of you. I wish to offer my greetings and respects to all the Soldiers participating in this Historic Anniversary mingled with patriotism and emotion. Serving the army, it is not proper to say serving, only those who dedicate themselves to a life of great sacrifice of protecting the people and by that, the Country, can become Soldiers in the Army. I see you as the personification of such noble sacrifice, and in that spirit, I bow to you. India waged a great war in 1971 for the rights of Bangladesh. In that war, India defeated Pakistan. Bangladesh came into being on account of that war. We are celebrating and recalling the Golden Jubilee of that Historic Victory. In participating in this Golden Jubilee as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, I feel joy, pride and elation. I am feeling doubly happy.

During the India-Pakistan war in 1971 also, the D.M.K. was ruling Tamil Nadu. Thalaivar Kalaignar was Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister then. He had gone to the United States of America to participate in many functions when the war broke out. On learning that the war had started, Kalaignar returned to Tamil Nadu immediately. A reception had been arranged for him in Kalaivanar Arangam. He cancelled the reception, renamed it and conducted the event as a meeting to condemn Pakistani invasion. He had a resolution passed in the Tamil Nadu

Relief worth Rs. 20 lakh given to the families of deceased Soldiers.

Legislative Assembly condemning the actions of Pakistan.

As Chief Minister, Kalaignar extended full co-operation to the then Prime Minister Tmt.Indira Gandhi's Government. The then Chief Minister Kalaignar gave funds and agricultural land to the families of soldiers of Tamil Nadu who died in that war. It was the then Chief Minister Kalaignar who collected war funds from all over Tamil Nadu, invited the Prime Minister to Chennai in 1972 and handed over Rs. 6 crore as Tamil Nadu's contribution. In those days, the total amount collected from all over India was Rs.25 crore and Tamil Nadu's contribution alone was Rs.6 crore. That Tamil Nadu alone contributed one fourth of the total collection is an unforgettable fact.

A resolution was passed in the Tamil Nadu Assembly congratulating the newly created Bangladesh Government. The then Chief Minister said in the Assembly that even though Tamil Nadu had not faced the war (at its borders), Tamil Nadu also was on the frontline of the war. We are today celebrating the Golden Jubilee of that war. It is really a historic coincidence that the D.M.K. is governing when this function is being celebrated in Tamil Nadu. Puratchi Kavignar Bharathidasan wrote: "On the slopes of the Himalayas, a person coughed; some one in Kumari (Kanniyakumari) dashed forth with medicine". In that spirit, many soldiers from Tamil Nadu participated in that war; many became martyrs; the number of injured too was high. I pay my respects, not only to those great heroes but also to their families.

If a person is in the Army, it means his entire family is in the Army. The family of the Soldier has not sent him for work but has sent him to face any eventuality. All families don't have such courage. We have to first show our respect to the families that have such mental strength, patriotism and dedication to the Country. I am really proud to be in the midst of such Soldiers. I salute the wives of Army Personnel who laid down their lives in this war. I salute their children, their heirs. I convey my heartfelt gratitude to Lt. General Thiru. A. Arun, General Officer Commanding of Southern Command (Dakshin Bharat area) of the Indian Army and winner of medals like Param Vishisht Seva and Utham Yudh Seva, for his participation in this event. I congratulate all the army personnel who have dedicated themselves to the task of the continued protection and development of the Country. They are functioning effectively in the tasks of protecting the Country, quelling internal unrest and safeguarding people from natural disasters. Army Personnel are the sheet anchor who ensure the peace and tranquility of people within the borders. I convey my respectful regards to all the Army Personnel, the defenders of our Country. I pay my humble respects to all the Army Personnel who are protecting this Country which, in Mahakavi Bharathiyar's language, is unparalleled in Wisdom (Gnanam), Honour (Uyar Maanam), Feeding others (Annadhanam), Music (Gaanam), Poetry (Kavithai), Dauntlessness (Dheeram), Armed valour (Padai veeram), Compassion (Nenjin eeram), Physical strength (Udal vanmai) and Valour (Marath thanmai).

Nandri! Vanakkam!

Hon’ble Chief Minister motivates DSP trainees at passing out parade

‘Focus on preventing crimes, nab cyber criminals with sophisticated know-how’

Speech of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru M. K. Stalin** at the passing out parade of Deputy Superintendent of Police Trainees, held at the Tamil Nadu Police Academy on 29.07.2021 *(English Translation)*.

Hon’ble Ministers, Chief Secretary to Government, Director General of Police Thiru. Sylendra Babu, Home Secretary, Director of the Tamil Nadu Police Academy, Members of Legislature and Parliament, Police Officers holding various responsibilities, Police personnel – I extend my affectionate greetings to all of you.

More than saying I am happy to participate in this passing out parade function at the Tamil Nadu Police Academy, I should only say I feel invigorated and inspired. When I

witnessed the parade, a vibrant feeling came over me; I felt a great energy. Your parade was so impressive. I fully appreciate your excellent training and physical prowess.

Ayyan Valluvar says: Courage, Self-respect, Righteousness and having the Confidence of the King are the four factors that protect an Army. The Tamil Nadu police has become a model in this respect. I request you to improve these four skills more and more.

The Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission has selected 86 persons for the post of Deputy Superintendent of Police and you have completed your training. I extend my heartfelt greetings to all of you stepping out to serve the people.

You have been trained in areas inclusive of Shooting, Computing Skills connected with Cyber Crimes, Forensic Science, Basic training including Physical Education, Planning and Implementation of Traffic Administration, Implementation of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act and in handling crimes against Women. Having been trained in these activities, you should dedicate yourself to the great task of protecting the people. Your Director General of Police is a standing example for all of you who have stepped into the field afresh as Deputy Superintendents of Police. Thiru.Sylendra Babu started his career as a Deputy Superintendent of Police in Gobichettipalayam in 1987 and has risen to be the Head of the Police Department through hard work and effort. I request you all to develop various skills like him.

You should not think that the Police Department is one among the many in the Government. People's first expectation from the Government is maintenance of peace. It is only the Police Department that has that great responsibility. If there is excellent law and order in a Country and people experience safety and security, all other things can be taken care of properly.

Industries will flourish, Investments will increase, People will strive for their goals

fearlessly, Education will improve and job opportunities multiply only if maintenance of law and order is excellent. It is you who perform the task of creating such a peaceful atmosphere.

It is my desire that the Police Department, rather than just being the force that apprehends criminals and secures punishment for them, should prevent crimes from occurring. I am full of hope that my desire will materialize.

Today, I laid the foundation for an integrated cyber-training complex to deal with cyber crime. This has become the most important need today. Murder, murder for gain, burglary, waylaying, theft and sexual violence were identified as the biggest crimes earlier. Overtaking all these, cyber crimes have multiplied. Criminals are making use of the developments in technology.

Once upon a time, newspapers used to caricature a waylaying robber in their cartoons as wearing a lungi with a kerchief tied around his neck. But today, after the advent of the internet, unidentified, faceless criminals have proliferated. Digital economic offences have increased.

Stealing technological services, hacking, cheating unknown people, threatening through the internet, forgery accounts, using false names and the like have multiplied. Through the internet, sexual crimes have also increased. Economic and sexual offenders are misusing modern technology more and more. We have to have sophisticated ways and means to detect and prevent these offences.

Countries like the USA and England employ sophisticated technologies for preventing these cyber crimes. We should fully know these technologies. The United Arab Emirates has declared that its emirates will be made cyber crime-free before 2030. The Tamil Nadu Police Department should learn about the technology they are going to evolve for that. To achieve this, our Police Department should be modernized.

The D.M.K. Government played an important role in modernizing the Police Department. The computer section was started in the Police Department in the year 1971. It is Tamil Nadu that bagged the honour of being the first State to computerize the Police Department. A special wing was started to quell extremists.

It was the then Chief Minister Kalaignar who appointed women to the posts of constable first in Tamil Nadu. Women Sub-Inspectors were also appointed by him. He declared open a Police Academy. Again, it was Chief Minister Kalaignar who created the Commando Force in the Police Department. For modernizing the Police Force, he set up a Police Commission,

headed by R.A. Gopalsamy in 1969 and another Police Commission, headed by former Chief Secretary Sabanayagam in 1989. The third Police Commission under Poornalingam I.A.S. in 2006 was also set up by Thalaivar Kalaignar. It was Kalaignar who instituted distribution of medals in the name of Anna to constables for their acts of gallantry.

Our concern for the Police Department is not merely during our tenure of governance. Even before the D.M.K. captured power, Kalaignar wrote a stage play titled 'Udhaya Sooriyan' to highlight the difficulties experienced by his friends in the Police Department. The then Congress Government banned it. So, we have a clear understanding of the difficulties faced by Police Personnel. I assure you in this event that the desires and demands of Police Personnel will be fulfilled shortly.

Be the ground that supports the people!

Be the water that quenches thirst!

Be the air that sustains life!

Be the sky, common to all!

Be the fire that burns evil!

Always be firm in establishing rule of law.

To sum up, be a shield that protects the people.

My good wishes to all.

Nandri; Vanakkam!

The Hon'ble Chief Minister presented medals to the Deputy Superintendent of Police trainees adjudged the best in indoor, outdoor and shooting training. And also laid the foundation for Integrated cyber training campus building at a cost of Rs.10.28 crore. The DGP presented a special sword to the best cadet in overall performance.

News in Picture

In connection with the death anniversary of freedom fighter Dheeran Chinnamalai, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** paid floral tributes to the portrait kept near his statue at the Thiru.Vi.Ka. Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai on 03.08.2021 and paid his respects.

Dheeran Chinnamalai: a bastion against the British

Dheeran Chinnamalai, was born as Theerthagiri on 17th April 1756, at present-day Kangeyam in Erode District, to Rathina Swamy and Periyaatha. He had an elder brother Kulandaisamy and three younger brothers-Thambi, Kilothar and Kuttisamy and a younger sister, Parvatham. His grandfather Kottravel Sarkkarai Mandradiyar was one of the larger landowners, and his father looked after their lands in Melapalayam. While Kulandaisamy and Kuttisamy were involved in farming, Theerthagiri along with Thambi and Kilothar took care of the administration and safety of the villages under their jurisdiction. Along with his brothers, Chinnamalai was well trained in martial arts, archery, horse riding. They also took part in village panchayats and learnt how to settle family and land disputes.

When Tipu Sultan took over in 1782, he adopted an even more aggressive policy towards the British. And to fight against the British, he requested the Tamils of Kongu to help him out. Dheeran and his brothers responded to that, as also their trusted commanders, Velappan and Karuppan. Chinnamalai himself was the commander of the Kongu regiment in the Mysore Army and took an active part in the 3rd and 4th Mysore Wars. However, with the death of Tipu in 1799, Chinnamalai returned to Kongu along with Karuppan. Velappan however was captured by the British and he later became their agent. Chinnamalai had the benefit of receiving French training during his stint with Tipu Sultan. On his return to Kongu, Chinnamalai built a fortress at Odanilai and settled there along with his army, waiting for the right time to strike.

Chinnamalai was caught by the British and hanged at Sankagiri Fort in Salem District on the day of Aadi Perukku on July 31, 1805.

-By Ratnakan Sadasyula

Perarignar Anna Milk Producers Welfare Fund Scheme

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** handed over a trade agreement orders to wholesalers to market Aavin milk and milk products in overseas Countries and other States. He also handed over appointment orders on compassionate grounds in Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers Federation and distributed welfare assistance worth Rs.1.04 crore under the Perarignar Anna Milk Producers Welfare Fund Scheme.

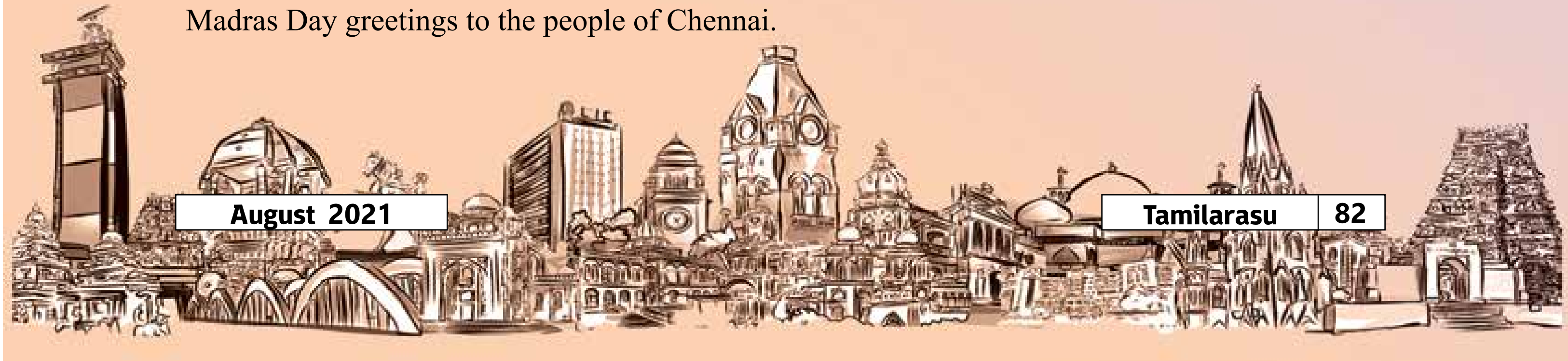
Madras Day Greetings

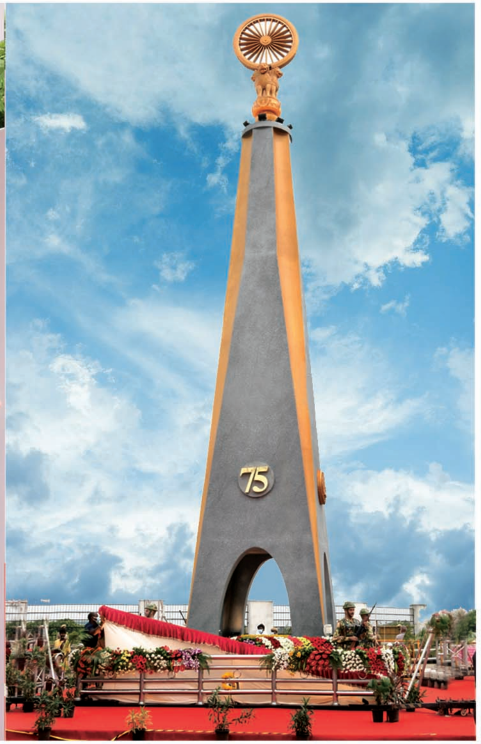
Madras Day Greetings from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** on 22.08.2021*(English Translation)*

Distinctive and charming Chennai has nurtured dharma and sustained those who sought its shelter. It is the repository of many landmarks, milestones and laurels.

With a visionary outlook, the DMK Government has contributed to the development of Chennai; this will continue.

Madras Day greetings to the people of Chennai.





Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** unveiled a commemorative pillar to mark the 75th year of India’s Independence at the junction of Sivananda Salai and Kamarajar Salai in Chennai on 15.08.2021.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin**, gave appointment orders on behalf of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department on 14.08.2021, to 208 persons for serving in temples, including 24 trained archakas under the Government Order that persons from all castes can become archakas.

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